





## INTERNATIONAL

Vice-president bounces back as Republican front-runner

## Bush trounces Dole in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire, Feb. 17. (UPI) Vice-President George Bush has bounced back as the Republican Party's front-runner to succeed President Reagan by overturning the opinion polls and trouncing his arch-rival Senator Robert Dole in the New Hampshire primary election.

His embattled campaign to secure the party's presidential nomination surged back to life and he proclaimed jubilantly: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

The often-mocked Bush rescued his bid for the White House nomination by beating Robert Dole by about 38 to 29 per cent in official returns of the New Hampshire primary last night.

With the campaign about to head into the conservative south, where 12 seats will select presidential nominating convention delegates in the 20-state "super Tuesday" primaries on March 8, Bush's recovery came in the nick of time for him.

On the Democratic side, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis easily won the first primary election of the 1988 presidential campaign.

Attention Missouri representative Richard Gephardt, the winner in last week's Iowa caucuses, was second and Illinois Senator Paul Simon was third.

But it was the Republicans' race to select their candidate to succeed President Reagan that commanded most of the attention, with opinion polls and pun-

its predicting on election eve that Bush was on the ropes after a weak third-place finish in Iowa.

Even a narrow victory by Dole, the Senate Republican leader who triumphed in Iowa, might have crippled the vice-president's chances of becoming President.

Bush fooled the experts, and triggered an angry reaction from the Kansas Senator.

During a live NBC television interview of Bush and Dole, who were at separate locations but appearing simultaneously, Dole was asked if he had anything to say to his rival.

"Yes," he snapped, "stop lying about my record."

Dole claimed he had lost because of false claims in Bush television advertisements that he would increase taxes. Analysts attributed Bush's comeback victory in part to his spirited last-minute campaign efforts and his closeness to Reagan, who is very popular in the Conservative state of New Hampshire.

Controversy over the vice-president's role in the Iran arms scandal did not appear to have a major impact.

But opinion polls of voters taken by the television networks found many voters still rate Bush poorly as a leader.

He has been dogged by an image as a weak-kneed "wimp" who seemed to many indecisive and lacking in political vision.

That was not the image he projected as he addressed cheer-

ing supporters after yesterday's victory.

The man who had been begging New Hampshire voters to accept him "warts and all" relished the moment with an oft-quoted line from 19th century satirist Mark Twain.

"Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," Bush said. "Thank you, New Hampshire."

Former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who shocked Bush by finishing second in Iowa, was fifth and last in the Republican New Hampshire contest at about 10 per cent support.

Third place went to Conservative New York congressman Jack Kemp at about 13 per cent. Former Delaware governor Pierre Du Pont was fourth with slightly over 10 per cent.

Robertson had boasted he would finish third and maybe even second in New Hampshire. But his support was limited by the small number of evangelical Christians in the state, and his extreme position on many issues seemed to scare off some voters.

Kemp claimed his own campaign was "born again". Compared to the Republicans, the end of the Democratic contest was almost free of acrimony.

As expected, Massachusetts Governor Dukakis, a household name in neighbouring New Hampshire, won easily.

He beat his nearest rival, Missouri congressman Gephardt, by 36 to 20 per cent. Illinois Senator Simon was third with 17 per cent.

## Israeli agents 'killed' honeymooning bride

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17. (UPI) A coroner's report said a honeymooning bride who plunged to her death from a luxury liner drowned when she was choked and thrown overboard, but the woman's husband now says she was slain by Israeli agents.

Scott Roston, 36, arrested in the death of his bride, Karen, initially told investigators that strong winds blew his wife off the cruise ship as she was jogging on a track on the deck.

But hours after the autopsy findings were disclosed yesterday, Roston's lawyer read a

statement from his client that said the agents were trying to frame him in retaliation for his book exposing the "countless crimes" committed by the Israeli government.

The body of Karen Roston, 26, was found on Saturday floating in the ocean about 30 miles southwest of San Diego, after falling from the luxury liner Star Dancer almost 10 hours earlier.

Coast Guard officials said winds, at the time her husband said she was blown overboard,

measured only 4 or 5 mph (6-8 kph).

The FBI arrested Roston when the Bahamian-registered ship docked on Saturday in Long Beach. He was ordered held without bail on an arrest warrant issued by the Bahamas, which intends to charge Roston with murder on the high seas, court documents said.

Assistant US Attorney Spurgeon Smith said it had not yet been decided whether the Bahamas or the United States would press the charges against Roston.



Bush, with his wife Barbara at his side, thanks his supporters after winning in New Hampshire. (UPI wirephoto)

## Last Emperor tops Academy nominations

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17. (UPI) The film "The Last Emperor," Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci's spectacular story of China as seen by the country's last emperor, led the Oscar field today with nine nominations.

It was closely followed by "Broadcast News," the story of a TV anchorman, with seven nominations including nods for its three stars, William Hurt, Albert Brooks and Holly Hunter.

The British film "Hope and Glory," director John Boorman's war memory of himself growing up during the Second World War in Britain, received five nominations, including one for Boorman as best director, and best picture.

Nominated for best actor were Michael Douglas for his role as a high finance corporation raider in "Wall Street," William Hurt as an anchorman in "Broadcast News," Italian actor Marcello

Mastroianni for "Dark Eyes," Jack Nicholson for a down-and-out in "Ironweed," and comedian Robin Williams as a loudspeaking disc-jockey in "Good Morning, Vietnam."

Role Cher was nominated for best actress for her role as an Italian widow in "Moonstruck," along with Glenn Close, who played a clinging lover in "Fatal Attraction," Holly Hunter, who was in love triangle in "Broadcast News," Sally Kirkland for her sensitive portrayal of an older actress in "Anna" and Meryl Streep as a poor widow in "Ironweed."

The five films nominated for best picture were: "Broadcast News," "Fatal Attraction," "The Last Emperor," "The Last Emperor," and "Moonstruck."

## Gunman surrenders after killing 7

SUNNYVALE, California, Feb. 17. (UPI) A gunman fired from a silicon valley computer company for sexual harassment went on a shooting spree at the business yesterday, killing seven people and wounding five, including a woman who had spurned his advances, police said.

The gunman, identified as former employee Richard Farley, 40, surrendered more than five hours after he walked into ESL Inc. and opened fire.

Sunnyvale police patrol commander Alex Michaelis said late yesterday one body was found outside the building and six were discovered during a room-by-room search. The two women and five men were shot to death. Two of the victims were found in the stairwell, one downstairs and three upstairs.

Situation The gunshots were all at the beginning of the situation, Michaelis said.

Farley was armed with two handguns, a shotgun and high-powered rifle and had two bandoleers of ammunition strapped across his chest when he walked into the building yesterday afternoon.

After the shootings he held up on the second floor of the ESL building with hostages and workers who had locked themselves in their offices.

Hostage negotiator Ruben Grijalva, who talked to Farley for four hours, said that the gunman had cried on the telephone.

Farley told Grijalva he went into ESL intending to "blow the place up," destroying equipment but not harming any of the employees, but the situation got out of hand. Farley told the negotiator he did not know how many people he had shot.

When Grijalva mentioned food, Farley said he was hungry. He surrendered after police offered him sandwich and soft drink, the negotiator said.

Five ESL employees wounded in the shooting were taken from the building by police and were sent to area hospitals.

Among the wounded was Laura Black, 26, a woman who had obtained a court order to keep Farley away from her and apparently was a primary target of the gunman's rage, police said.

Michaelis said Farley went to the second floor to confront Black.

## Controversial ex-minister Savary dies

PARIS, Feb. 17. (AP) Alain Savary, the Education Minister whose policies sent millions protesting in the streets and threatened to bring down the government of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, has died. The Socialist Party announced today. He was 69.

According to the statement, Savary had been hospitalized for several weeks with a serious infection. No details were provided.

Lionel Jospin, Secretary of the Socialist Party, expressed his "very sincere condolences" to the family and friends of the former minister, who served as Education Minister from 1981 until he resigned in 1984.

"Courageous, lucid, discrete, Alain Savary put loyalty and honour behind his convictions. He will remain one of the great names of socialism," said Jospin.

Savary was the party secretary from 1969 to 1971 and "was one of the moving forces behind the party's renaissance," Jospin said.

In 1984, Savary proposed a bill bearing his name that unsuccessfully attempted to institute Mitterrand's campaign promises to revamp France's private education system.

## Palestinian killed in fresh unrest

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ambassador Torleif Anda to rebuke him for comparing Israeli actions in the territories to Nazi outrages.

The Jerusalem Post quoted Anda, 66, as telling reporters yesterday in Haifa: "What the Germans did, including beating and torturing prisoners and suspects was very bad. But we do not remember them going out into the streets to break people's arms and legs or pulling children out of their homes at night."

The envoy said he had been misunderstood, saying he never intended to compare the regime of Nazi Germany with the government of Israel.

A military court sentenced Wasfi Mansour, 55, an Arab from the Israeli village of Tira, to life in prison for planting a bomb last February on a Haifa-Jerusalem bus. Nine passengers were injured, several of them seriously.

Five members of the local council of A-Ram, a West Bank town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, resigned their posts this week, former deputy council head Bahjat Za'al said today.

Account

In Washington, a former US ambassador to Qatar gave Kuna his eyewitness account of a Palestinian woman in Gaza who was severely beaten and robbed by Israeli security forces after trying to stop the same men from beating her children.

The former diplomat said the woman's tale was a good example of the "terrible racism" of Israel that was "shocking to see up close."

Andrew Kilgore, US ambassador to Qatar from 1977 to 1981, told Kuna in an exclusive interview he saw the Palestinian woman on Jan 19 in Gaza.

His group spent six days visiting Gaza, Nablus, and other sites of Palestinian uprising.

He was there with five other foreign service officials and other Middle East observers as part of a fact-finding visit to the embattled occupied territories.

Kilgore said he and the other Americans were briefed on the crisis by journalists and Palestine Red Crescent officials while at a law firm in Gaza.

While there, "they brought in a woman who had to be half-carried, who had been beaten on her legs, feet and thighs... so badly she couldn't walk," Kilgore said. He described the woman - from the Burj refugee camp as "screaming and crying" from the physical abuse.

The Israelis, he added, had also "beaten her five kids and they'd stolen 100 dinars and stolen her gold bracelet."

Protect Kilgore said it was never clear whether the soldiers had beaten her for "general meanness" or because she had tried to protect her children from what Israel calls its "defence forces."

At the same time, Kilgore said he had saved a seemingly empty tear gas canister whose invisible fumes, he described, were so potent his eyes still smart from examining it.

While reading the label, the former US envoy said he was surprised by the legend: "Made in Salzburg, Pennsylvania, 1988."

British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock began a four-day visit to Israel and occupied Arab territories today saying he intended to discover what was holding up an international Middle East peace conference.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met several Italian party leaders, including Communist Party chief Alessandro Natta today before leaving for home after a three-day visit.

Natta said after the meeting the two sides disagreed on many points including "the methods of finding a solution to a problem that not only involves the security of Israel but also the rights of other peoples."

Summit

King Hassan of Morocco called in an interview today for an Arab summit to be held during the next six weeks to discuss Israeli violence in the occupied territories.

An urgent Arab summit is needed within one month or six weeks to discuss the Palestinian resistance inside Israel," King Hassan said in remarks published in the weekly Al-Mussawwar.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday flew into Cairo unexpectedly, met with a senior government official and left shortly after, airport officials said.

The source, who refused to be identified, gave no details of Arafat's meeting with Osama Al-Baz, chief political aide to Egyptian President Mubarak.

This is Arafat's first visit since the PLO and Egypt improved relations last November following a seven month freeze.

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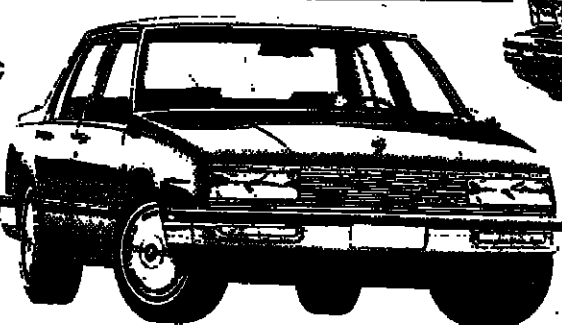
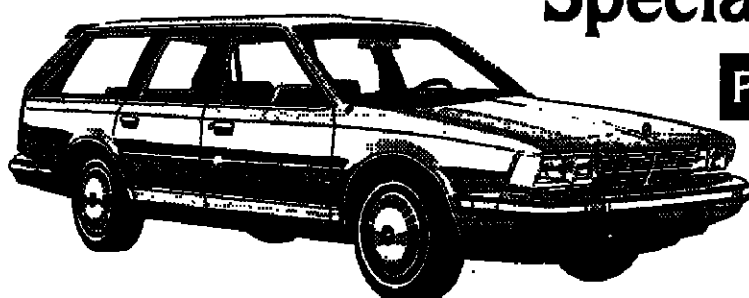
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## Ershad foes call another strike

DHAKA, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Tens of thousands of opposition workers cheered and clapped today as their leaders called a 36-hour general strike to disrupt Bangladesh's parliamentary elections on March 3.

The strike call was issued at separate rallies in Dhaka by leaders of three opposition alliances embracing 21 political parties as part of a campaign begun in November to force President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to resign.

Hundreds of riot policemen watched from a distance as the leaders said the nationwide strike would begin at 6 am (0000 GMT) on March 2.

Police did not try to stop the rallies but they arrested senior Awami League leader Abdul Mannan as he led a march afterwards.

### Protest

They also announced plans for a week of protest from next Monday to organise a mass boycott of the parliamentary polls which Ershad called after he dissolved

parliament in December.

Opposition leaders have demanded Ershad hand over power to a caretaker government but he has refused to resign under pressure.

On Monday, Ershad said he would deploy the Army to help nearly 100,000 paramilitary police and auxiliary forces ensure an orderly vote despite opposition threats.

### Duty

Addressing a rally, Bangladesh Nationalist Party chairman Begum Khaleda Zia called on the Army "not to confront people trying to resist a farcical election."

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, the other main opposition leader, urged officials, teachers and others not to act as polling officers during the controversial elections.

"This is your duty to rise against the autocratic ruler and help people struggling to establish a flawless democracy. The days of clinging to power by force are gone," she said.

## Khaddafi has nose surgery

LONDON, Feb. 17. (AP): Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi has undergone successful surgery on his nose. Libyan Television said Tuesday.

The television, monitored in London, said Khaddafi had the surgery Monday at Ibn Al Nafis Hospital in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

He left the hospital last night "in an excellent state and in

good health," the report said.

It said doctors in the hospital's ear, nose and throat section carried out "a successful operation" on Khaddafi's nasal passages, but gave no further details.

The television showed Khaddafi sitting in a hospital chair, and wearing a mask. He was shown talking to doctors, then shaking hands with them, and walking out of the ward.

## Hekmatyar fears rebel-Islamabad conflict

# Pakistan warned on Afghan accord

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17. (Reuters): A radical Afghan rebel leader said today it would be a "historic blunder" for Pakistan to sign a UN-sponsored peace accord at Geneva.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of one of the seven Pakistan-based rebel parties, told a news conference that to sign would effectively mean recognising the Soviet-backed Kabul government and would cause conflict between Islamabad and the mujahedeen.

The Kremlin hoped to gain by the accords two things it had failed to win in eight years of fighting — an end to the war and recognition of President Najibullah's government, he

said.

The Soviet Union has offered to start withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan from May 15 provided an agreement is signed in the six-year-old Geneva peace talks by March 15.

Pakistan, which supports the rebels, has refused, saying agreement must first be reached on a new interim government.

### Blunder

Hekmatyar, 38, said the accord would neither end the nine-year-old conflict nor free Pakistan of the burden of three million Afghan refugees.

"To sign the Geneva accord would be a historic blunder," he said through an interpreter. "We hope Pakistan will stick to its

position and stand firm."

The seven-party alliance has been negotiating plans for its own interim government to take over and prepare for national elections following a Soviet withdrawal.

Hekmatyar said the seven leaders would announce their new government before the Geneva talks resume on March 2. "This will be the sole representative government of the Afghan nation," he said.

He reiterated the rebels' refusal to consider sharing power with Najibullah's People's Democratic Party but that some non-party people who had served in the Kabul government and are Muslims would be accep-

## Iran seeks French ties in exchange for hostages

PARIS, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Iran has cold-shouldered appeals for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon, telling Paris to restore relations with Tehran before it can expect any help.

The blunt condition was set by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri in an interview with French television last night marking the 1,000th day in captivity for French journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985. Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the

hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore this once the three were home safe.

### Interrogation

Chirac's prompt rejection came in a tense interview on the Antenna-2 network, watched by Kauffmann's parents in a link-up with the family's Brittany livingroom, where photographs of their son topped the fireplace.

Chirac said he sympathised with the family but begged them to understand that negotiations

for the release of the hostages required secrecy.

Paris severed ties with Tehran last summer after the Iranian Embassy refused to let a French judge interrogate an Iranian suspected of complicity in a wave of Paris bombings in 1986.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shi'ites in Lebanon were released in November.

The crisis quickly ended and France later ordered a crackdown on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

## Hell camp opens first class in US

MALIBU, California, Feb. 17. (UPI): Kanisha Yosoi Gakko, the famed Japanese "hell camp" that claims to develop leadership in business executives through "100 litres of sweat and 100 litres of tears," opened its first class in the United States yesterday.

The 13-day camp located on a ranch in the rugged mountains over Malibu started its first class promising that those who complete the course will reach the business "heaven" of effective and decisive management.

"Our training is designed to develop true leadership," said Yasuo Motohashi, a principal of the training school who flew from Japan to oversee the school's first US class, which is made up of two women and eight men, including a father-son team.

Most of the participants are in their late 40s to early 50s and hold mid-to senior-level management positions, school officials said.

"Our training requires 100 litres of sweat, 100 litres of tears. That's why we call it hell camp," said Naoyoshi Fujimori, the school's head instructor. "In this 13-day hell camp, (our goal is) to get you back to heaven."

One of the students, Deborah Alagna, president of a Huntington Beach sales training company, said she enrolled in the \$2,400 course to "stretch my mind, learn my weaknesses and fine-tune my strengths."

## Blast kills 12 in Burma

RANGOON, Feb. 17. (UPI): A bomb ripped through a school auditorium in northern Burma as students performed a variety show before a crowded audience, killing 11 students and a farmer and injuring 133 people, reports reaching the capital said Wednesday.

The official Burma news agency NAB said the Kachin Independence Army, an ethnic Kachin rebel group, was responsible for the blast Friday in the town of Momaik in the Kachin state in northern Burma.

### Festival

NAB said the students were performing in a variety show in the town's state high school when the bomb went off beneath a row of seats about 20 feet (6 m) in front of the stage.

The blast killed four teenage girls and a boy. Five more girls, a boy and a farmer died later at hospital, the news agency said.

NAB said 133 other people were injured in the explosion.

The performance at the high school was being staged as part of the Feb 12 Union Day anniversary, Burma's most important political festival.

Celebration is aimed at promoting unity among the country's diverse ethnic groups, including the majority Burmese, the Kachins, Karens, Shans, Mons and about a dozen others.

NAB also reported 17 people were wounded at Kengtung town in eastern Burma when a bomb exploded in a movie theatre Feb 7, the annual Shan State Day.

## Sudanese rebels block food aid

KHARTOUM, Feb. 17. (AP): Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi has accused southern rebels of "food terrorism," saying that they refused to give safe conduct to a non-governmental organisation offering relief for starving Sudanese in the south.

Answering questions in the Constituent Assembly, the national parliament, El Mahdi said the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army had insisted that the relief aid be distributed through them. He said the rebels wanted to use the aid "for political reasons" and distribute it among rebel supporters only.

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of being a terrorist organisation, and said it was using food as a weapon against the southern population.

The Prime Minister said that the Council of Mercy, a Sudanese non-governmental organisation, had been denied safe conduct by the SPLA.

### Starvation

But the council's chairman, Pacifico Lodo Lolek, implicitly denied this. He said that his talks with the rebels in Ethiopia had not failed and that he would be going back to resume negotiations.

El Mahdi denied charges by parliamentarian Angelo Guang that 24 persons had starved to death in the southern Upper Nile province. But the Prime Minister

said he could not rule out the possibility of people dying of starvation in rebel-controlled areas.

The SPLA, which took up arms against the government in 1983, claims to control at least 90 per cent of the countryside in the south. It says the government continues to control the cities in the three southern provinces of Upper Nile, Bahr El-Ghazal and Equatoria.

But continued fighting between government troops and the rebels has forced hundreds of thousands of southerners to flee their fields and livestock and gather around the cities where they become completely dependent on food relief.

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of fomenting religious-ethnic discord which he predicted could only lead to disastrous consequences.

The southerners, mainly Christian and animist, are a minority compared to the northern Muslim majority which dominates the Khartoum government. The SPLA, whose estimated 30,000 fighters are mostly southerners, rebelled to demand greater autonomy and administrative and economic reforms in the south.

The SPLA has accused the government of using civilian planes and relief operations to ferry reinforcements to its troops in the south.

## Thailand and Laos agree to ceasefire

BANGKOK, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Thailand and Laos signed a ceasefire pact today to end six months of bitter fighting over a small section of their border, a top Laotian official said.

Laotian Chief of Staff General Sisavat Keobounphan told reporters after signing the agreement with Thai military commander General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh that forces vying for disputed hills would ceasefire immediately.

He said their troops would pull back to a distance of three km (two miles) from the Thai after a joint military committee had been formed to police the ceasefire.

### Remote

Clashes over remote border hills about 400 km (240 miles) north of Bangkok had flared in recent weeks to the worst violence in modern Thai-Lao relations.

Unofficial Thai reports said 300 Thai soldiers and 400

Laotians were killed in ground combat, artillery exchanges and air strikes by Thai jets since the fighting erupted last August.

Thai officers said there had been no fighting in the area since Sisavat arrived at Thai Air Force headquarters yesterday for his two days of talks with Chavalit.

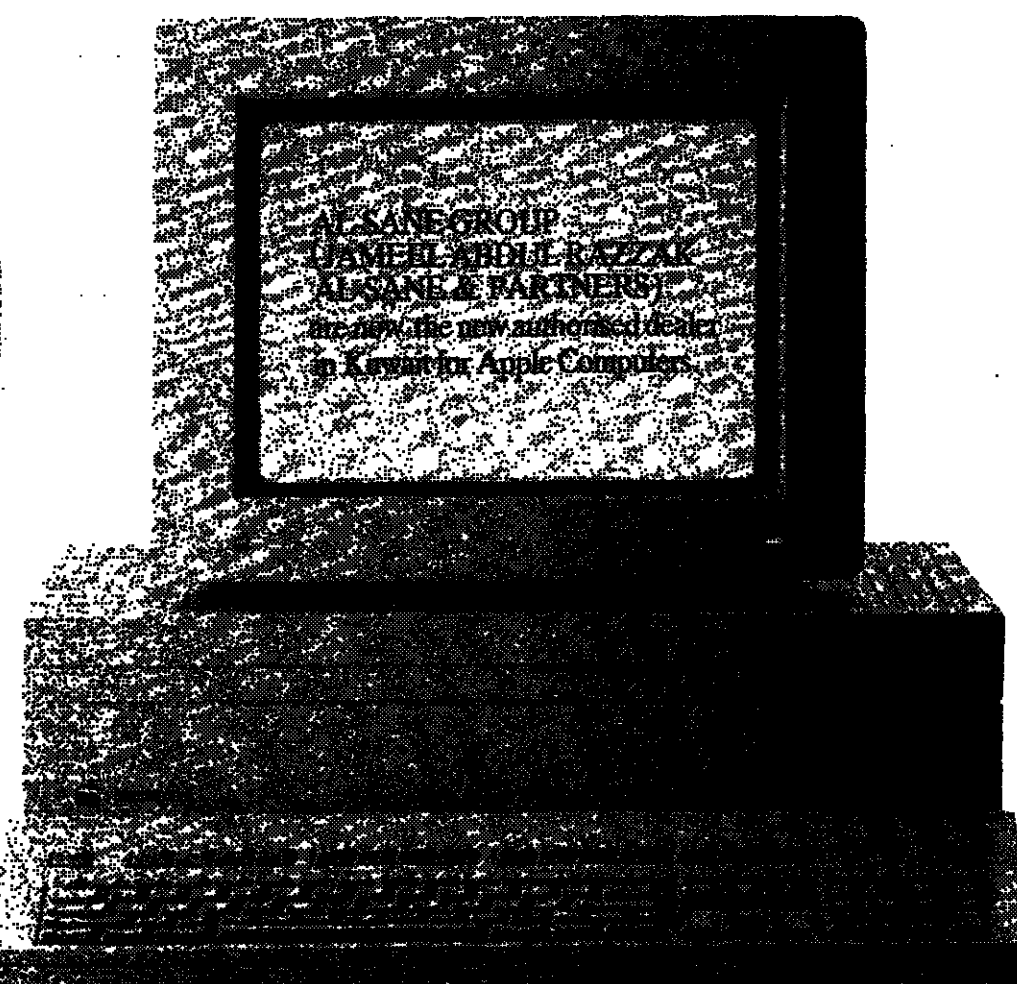
Immediately after signing the pact Chavalit escorted Sisavat to an awaiting Laotian aircraft which took off immediately for Vientiane.

### 17 killed in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 17. (AP): Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim commandos and pro-Israeli militiamen fought a six-hour battle in South Lebanon today. Police said 17 fighters were killed and four wounded.

A police spokesman said the two sides used rockets, mortars, and automatic rifles in the clash south of the Christian town of Jezzine, 10 miles (17 kilometres) east of the port city of Sidon.

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# Kuwaiti children lack proper parenting

"THE Absence of Motherhood" was the title of a symposium held as part of the Second Educational Week organised by Kuwait University's educational psychology department. As the title suggests, the symposium dealt with the effects of the "absent mother" on a child's health and psychological development and the impact servants have on children.

Dr Ahmad Abdullah, a professor at the education faculty of Kuwait University, speaking at the symposium, said there was no legitimate reason to deprive children of proper parental attention. It was emphasised throughout the symposium that Kuwait's society is seriously threatened by the absence of proper parenting, which has resulted from the misuse of servants in Kuwaiti homes.

It was stated that maids have assumed the responsibility for childcare that normally is

assumed by mothers. Dr Layla Al Dosouki, also from Kuwait University, said that some mothers even allow the maids to take their children to clinics when they are ill. They are given this responsibility, she said, in spite of the fact that they may be unable to even speak Arabic and could possibly misunderstand instructions regarding medication which should be given to the sick child.

**Breastfeed**  
A shocking statistic, based on a study conducted in 1986, shows that 560 deaths among children under four years of age were the result of negligence on the part of mothers.

Breastfeeding, almost unheard of in Kuwait now, was stressed as an important factor in creating a bond between mother and child. Dr Al Dosouki said the number of mothers breastfeeding their children had dropped from 90 per cent in 1979 to 20 per cent in 1985.

She said that in addition to the psychological factors influenced by the absence of breastfeeding, health factors are also affected, both for the mother and the child. For example, children who are not breastfed do not develop immunity to many common diseases, she said, adding that mothers who breastfeed their children are less likely to develop breast cancer.

Dr Al Dosouki said that mothers who allow their children to be fed by maids are subjecting them to several diseases, especially diarrhoea. Maids are apt to make mistakes in mixing formulas, she added, and to feed the child at irregular intervals.

Dr Ibrahim Al Khalifi, from Kuwait University, said the problem of maids caring for Kuwaiti children has become a common family conversation. He emphasised that maids are brought to Kuwait for a purpose, which did not include the responsibility of raising our children.



Pictures show: A small girl welcoming HH the Amir (above). Al Nouri delivering his speech (below left) while the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, cabinet ministers and other invitees listen.



## National Day celebrations begin

CELEBRATIONS for the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day began yesterday with HH the Amir's patronage of the graduation ceremony at Kuwait University.

The National Committee for the Celebrations for National Day yesterday issued a list of functions and occasions that will be celebrated during this month.

It said that HH the Amir will open the Waterfront Project at 4 pm on Feb 22.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will patronise the opening of a musical play "The Great Love" at the Private Institute theatre on Feb 21 at 7.30 pm. He will also patronise a big musical show "The Wall Story" to be held at the Congress Centre hall on Feb 23 by the Education Ministry.

**Exhibition**  
Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah will open a formative arts exhibition at Kuwait National Museum on Feb 21 and an exhibition of pictures of old Kuwait at the Hilton Hotel on Feb 23.

The Public Works Minister, Abdul Rahman Al Houti, will open the Jahra Motorway on Feb 21 and the Fahahel Motorway on Feb 24.

Electricity and Water Minister, Dr Homoud Al Rqobah will open the first phase of the reverse osmosis water desalination plant, a sub-station for Kuwait City and a power transformer station for Kuwait city on Feb 23. He will patronise the ministry marathon on Feb 24.

**Exchange**  
The Communications Minister, Abdullah Al Sharhan, will open the Sulabiya telephone exchange office on Feb 20 and Jahra telephone and postal centre on Feb 24.

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The chairman of the celebrations committee, Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Ahmed, will attend the Feb 25 torch festival on Feb 20. He will patronise the celebrations to be held at the Red Fort in Jahra on Feb 24, and open the Bayan Society Development Centre and the musical function to be held at the centre on Feb 24. He will also patronise the sports events to be held at the Al Arabi stadium on March 4.

The State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, will patronise the opening of four fully furnished houses at the Rabia project, and the distribution of plots of land at Fintas, Rabia and Jahra. He will also patronise the celebrations to be held at the Salmiya popular cafe and the national art contest at Daiya Youth Centre.

The State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai, will patronise the opening of Safat Square on Feb 29.

## Second convoy of relief aid arrives in Bekaa

BEKAA, Feb 17, (Kuna): The second convoy of the Relief aid to Lebanon comprising of 36 trucks laden with foodstuffs, blankets, and cloths as well as medical supplies arrived here today.

The convoy was received by the representative of the Lebanese President, acting Prime Minister Dr Salim Al Hos and other officials.

The trucks were received at the Syrian-Lebanese border of Al-Masne check point, by a cheering Lebanese crowd.

Sheikh Mubarak Saud Al Sabah who is a representative of the office of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Syria Ahmad Al Jassim supervised the handing-over of the convoy that unloaded its cargo in special stores of Al Hareeri Foundation.

Distribution of aid to the needy Lebanese people was discussed by Sheikh Mubarak and director of the foundation. The aid will be distributed by a central authority chaired by Al-Hoss.

## Heavy rain lashes UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb 17, (Kuna): United Arab Emirates is witnessing a heavy rainy weather and cloudy conditions, making visibility during day time very low, entailing drivers to turn on lights when driving in the morning.

The rain continued for the third day today, which signals that a very good agricultural season lies ahead, as well as a rise in the level of the water.

Meanwhile, weather forecasts are expecting that the heavy rains will continue falling on different parts of the country.

The weather caused somehow, heavy traffic on the roads and some areas were almost isolated.

## Omani minister in Cairo

CAIRO, Feb 17, (Kuna): Oman's Education Minister Yahya Bin Mahfooz Al Mandari last night arrived here for an official visit during which he will deliver a message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

The message deals with bilateral relations between Oman and Egypt, Radio Cairo reported today.

## Sabah receives Nigerian envoy

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Nigerian Ambassador to Kuwait Mustafa Saleh.

Bilateral relations and means of boosting them as well as issues of common interest were discussed at the meeting.

## Indian envoy in trade talks

INDIA'S Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha, yesterday visited the Undersecretary of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, Abdullah Al Hamad.

They discussed increasing trade relations, strengthening existing relations and the exchange of delegations.

## Jordanian premier visits Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Feb 17, (Reuters): Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai arrived in Baghdad today as part of his country's consultations with key regional leaders on the latest Middle East peace moves.

An Arab diplomat said Rifai had a letter from King Hussein on his attempts to reconcile Iraq and Syria.

He said Rifai will have talks with Iraqi officials on the Iraq-Iran war and Iraqi efforts to further develop the relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

## Kuwaiti students to attend seminar at Harvard University

WASHINGTON, Feb 17, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti student delegation will take part in a UN-model seminar at Harvard University on Thursday, the cultural counsellor Dr Musaed Al Haroun told Kuna.

Al Haroun added last night that the four-day seminar aims at giving the opportunity for students from all countries to get acquainted with the activities of the United Nations as well as the role of the international organisation in serving world peace.

The Kuwaiti delegation comprises Fuad Abdullah Al Omar,

Amer Helal Al Muteiri, Nabil Al Adami, Amir Al Kout and Jehad Al Qabandi. They are all students currently studying at universities in the US.

Following the seminar the delegation will prepare a detailed report on the outcome of the conference to the cultural attaché, he said.

Al Haroun said the Kuwaiti students were among those invited to participate because Kuwait is one of the countries that continues to exercise efforts aimed at achieving world peace.



Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed (left) Yusuf Jassam Al Hajl, the Chairman of the International Islamic Charity Authority (centre) and Dr Al Awadi.



The Editor-in-Chief of Al Seyassah newspaper (right) chats with Saad Al Nahedh a leading Kuwaiti citizen at the luncheon in honour of Dr Al Awadi.

## Razzak holds luncheon in honour of Awadi

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak held a luncheon in honour of the former Minister of Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who has recently been appointed Minister of Planning.

In a before-dinner speech Dr Abdul Razzak expressed his appreciation for the sincere efforts of Dr Awadi in developing the ministry's services. The ministry Undersecretary Dr Naei Al Naqib also praised the

work of Dr Awadi as Minister of Health, saying he was a friend to all of the ministry's employees.

The luncheon was attended by a number of members of the ruling family, Ministers of Communications, Abdullah Al Sharhan, Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed; in addition to undersecretaries, directors of health areas and hospitals and members of the press.



Pictured from left to right: Kuwait's ministers of Communications, Health and Education; Kuwait University's Rector Abdul Mohsen Abdul Razzak; and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs.



Minister Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak (right) and the Director General of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Ibrahim Al Duali listen to one of the speeches honouring Dr Al Awadi.

## 800 students face suspension

THE National Union of Kuwaiti Students at the Kuwait University said that over 800 students, 700 of them Kuwaiti, from those admitted in the 1986-1987 academic year are threatened with academic suspension and expulsion from the university.

These students, representing 40 per cent of those admitted for the 86-87 academic year, face suspension and possible expulsion as a result of the implementation of the newly-amended rules of the credit hour system at the university.

The union said the recent actions were too severe and were not a solution to the academic problems facing the university.

Spokesmen for the union added that the university's administration refused to listen to previous proposals.

### Warning

Union officials said that 46 per cent of the students from those enrolled in September, 1986 received their first academic warning after they had already completed their second semester and 59 per cent received their second warning and were put on probation in the third semester. These students now face possible suspension from the university, they added.

For those admitted in 86-87, over 700 Kuwaiti students will be

suspended by the end of the third semester because of their low academic performance, the union said.

The union said that according to their studies, 45 per cent of the Kuwaitis enrolled in September 1987 are threatened with suspension under the implementation of the stricter academic requirements.

Union officials predicted that the majority of these students admitted for the 1986-1987 academic year will be expelled before they reach their final year. The union has urged the university administration to review these amendments to avoid such expulsions.

## Mellor to tour Mideast

LONDON, Feb 17, (Kuna): British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor will begin on February 23 a week-long Middle East tour that will take him to Iraq, Bahrain and Jordan, it was officially confirmed today.

The Foreign Office said that the visit is part of Mellor's familiarisation process in the countries of the region with a view to develop bilateral relations.

He will be in Iraq from February 23 to 26 and from there he will travel to Bahrain for a similar two-day visit. Then he will proceed to Jordan on March 1.

Mellor's talks in the three Arab countries will cover the Iran-Iraq war and efforts to stop the fighting, the latest Palestinian uprising and the need for a speedy solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, British sources said.

Bilateral relations will also figure in the exchanges.

The Minister, who is responsible for the Middle East, has become popular in the Arab world after his scathing attack on illegal Israeli policies during a recent visit to Gaza.

## Cleanest centre

THE Third Area of the Cleanliness and Roads Department of Kuwait Municipality, in cooperation with the Public Relations Department, held a ceremony honouring the cleanest centre in the area and outstanding employees.

The ceremony was attended by the assistant director general for health affairs at Kuwait Municipality Waseel Mansour and the controller of the Third Area Mutlaq Al Baghli.

## Naval contract

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday signed a contract with a specialised company to implement some projects at the naval base.

The projects are aimed at completing approved plans to improve military installations, public relations directorate said. Defence Ministry Undersecretary and Assistant Undersecretary for military installations affairs attended the signing ceremony.

## Commercial licences valid for four years

THE validity of commercial licences has been changed to four years instead of one year as at present, the assistant undersecretary for commercial affairs at the Commerce and Industry Ministry, Rashed Al Mujren, said.

He said that the ministry had recognised the licensing department.

He said the ministry's different public services catered directly to the requirements of citizens, and the ministry constantly improved and developed the level of these services. Al Mujren said the reorganisation of the commercial licensing department was carried out by a Kuwaiti working team with

adequate experience in the field to enable it to simplify measures, introduce new services and computerise the operations.

The first phase of the work includes identification of existing problems and impediments preliminary to studying possible solutions, and updating all company files.

He said the ministry had prepared a special directory for reference and it also contained information essential for issuing licences.

Al Mujren said the next stage would include computerisation of the department's operations and utilisation of the latest technical equipment for public services.

## Amir of Qatar praises GCC achievements

LONDON, Feb 17, (Kuna): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani has praised the achievements made by the Gulf Cooperation Council, saying they demonstrated success of the experiment in realising welfare of the GCC peoples and the Arab nation.

In an interview with the London-based Al Hawadeth magazine, appearing on Thursday, the Qatari ruler attributed success of the council to the correct appraisal made by the council leaders of the region's actual conditions and the gradual application of steps to address the region's problems.

Sheikh Khalifa hailed, in the interview, the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands, describing it as a bold and

forceful expression of determination to fight Israel's occupation until victory.

### Pipeline

He called upon Arab countries to rally their forces behind Palestinians and support this revolt. Thus making use of its results in serving the just Palestinian cause.

In the interview, the Qatari ruler reiterated his country's commitment to resolutions adopted by the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in respect of oil production and prices, revealing in this connection a Turkish offer under study to build a pipeline carrying Qatari natural gas across its territory and further to European and world markets.

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## Registration of students

DR. MUSTAFA Maarafi, the Dean of Admissions and Registration at Kuwait University, announced that the registration office will begin using a central computer system for registration during the summer session. He explained in a press conference that the central computer system would save time and will enable students to register for courses from different faculties without having to go from building to building. He added that the university had purchased 40 terminals for the computer system at Khaldiya Hall in addition to four computer keyboards for student schedules.

Kuwait University's General Registrar Musaed Al Dakheel said the university had placed certain restrictions on summer session students, which include limiting the number of credits taken during the summer to four except for students in medical sciences. He added that students whose names have been placed on the academic warning list will also be allowed to take summer courses.

## Heart disease affecting more people

By Jadranka Porter

TODAY, fewer people die of heart disease in Kuwait than in 1981. However, the incidence of cardiovascular complaints is on the increase, and is affecting younger age groups according to statistics compiled by the Kuwait Heart Foundation.

Dr Rashid Al Owaish, the secretary of the Foundation's board, has said that on average there are 80 heart attacks per every 100,000 people. Fifteen per cent of Kuwait's population is believed to suffer from hypertension related to heart disease.

Preventive In 1986, 1,500 people were reported to have suffered from severe heart attacks, and between 14 and 18 per cent of these patients died. Al Owaish believes

that another 600 to 800 people were afflicted by heart disease in the same period, but were not included into the records because they were not treated at any of the hospitals. It is this group that the Foundation aims to reach by campaigning for better preventive measures and a more efficient ambulance service. "We may not be able to cure them but we can improve their quality of life and postpone death" said Al Owaish.

The Foundation has shifted its priorities from efforts to set up a cardiology institute, at a cost of no less than KD 2 million, to boosting its education programme. In its lectures and TV spots the Foundation has urged the public to reduce the fat intake, take up exercise and stop smoking.



Dr Hassan Al Alawi, the Dean of Kuwait University's Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum, accompanied by assistant deans visited Kuwait's Ministry of Defence Military Installations Department on Tuesday. They were received by Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser, the Assistant Undersecretary of the Defence Ministry, and were shown round the department's various sections.

## Travel allowances raised

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Council met on Tuesday under the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed to discuss travel allowances and expense accounts of public employees while on official missions abroad.

The council decided to approve the recommendations of the committee set up to study these expenses and increased the travelling allowances from KD80 per diem to KD100 for officials in head positions and from KD60 to KD80 for

employees holding senior positions.

It was also agreed that directors of departments and members of delegations headed by ministers would receive first class air tickets when travelling on official missions.

The council approved an increase in the annual holiday for experts working on the Islamic Encyclopedia from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs from 30 to 45 days. An allowance of KD200 was also approved for these experts who do not have government accommodation.

Minister Al Rashed said annual remuneration was also approved for members of the Higher Civil Aviation Council.

## Cooperatives endorse a number of proposals

BOARD of directors of the association of the Arab Cooperative Society Unions yesterday held its 2nd meeting and endorsed a number of recommendations.

Head of the 7th Arab cooperative conference and representative of the Kuwait delegation on Bank Al Noon stated that the council had agreed on establishing three liaison offices in Kuwait, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. No further details were revealed.

He said the council, which was presided over by secretary general of the association Qais Shreida, has also recommended that the association should join specialised Arab associations as well as increasing volume of membership. He did not elaborate.

The establishment of a permanent press committee in the association was also recommended during the session, Al Noon said, adding the conferees reviewed the association's activities for the past period.

The next meeting of the association's board of directors will be held in Cairo in February 1989, he said, adding that four countries, Iraq, UAE, Egypt and Morocco have offered to host the 8th conference.

## Teenagers involved in break-in

A KUWAITI daily reported that the three boys who recently attempted to break into the safe at the Hawalli Immigration Department were teenagers.

It was reported that the three boys gained entry to the premises through a window with an air-conditioning unit. When the janitor attempted to stop them, the boys beat him and tied him up.

When the boys were unable to open the safe they fled. The janitor later informed security authorities of the break-in, giving a description of the three which led to their arrest.

## Stamp catalogue

FILATCO recently published its specialised Mail Auction Stamp Catalogue for Arab and other Islamic countries.

The sale includes stamps dating from 1800 to the present, and includes varieties, errors and scarce stamps rarely offered to the public.

The catalogue is free to all potential participants and major collectors from Filatco, Box 1461, Appleton, Wisconsin 54913 USA, telephone 414-735-0701, Telex No. 260355 ED Tech Aple, Telefax No. 414-735-9453.

## New Zealand envoy

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi met yesterday the Ambassador of New Zealand Daniel Richards.

Talks centered on bilateral relations and regional developments.

## Driving school plans under study

BRIGADIER Saad Al Jasser (retired) of Kuwait's Driving School Company said the company's proposed plans had been presented to a number of consulting firms in an effort to find the best way to implement the project. He added that the Driving School will be a highly developed project requiring all the necessary organisation and technology.

He said that four Driving Schools will be linked with the Driving School Company, with schools in the country's four governorates. He added that the schools will be connected with the company's head office by a computer network.

Al Jasser said the system used by the schools will be the same as that used by Kuwait's traffic department. He added that the project should be completed within a year.

## Mumtaz post

KUWAIT'S Post Office Department recently introduced the Mumtaz Post Service to Burkina Faso. The charge will be KD5 for the first half kilogramme or part thereof and KD2 for every additional half kilogramme or part thereof. The maximum weight is 20 kilogrammes.

The Post Office also announced a change in the regulations regarding postal items to Yugoslavia. It said that postal items to private persons of Yugoslavia or foreign nationality may contain articles up to Yugoslav Dinars 175,000 in value, excluding postage.

It also said that it will now accept all commercial parcels addressed to the Yemen Arab Republic even if they are not accompanied by import licences.

## 19 accidents

THERE were 19 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday.

Nine took place in the city, five in Hawalli and five in Ahmadi.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Palestinian uprising hailed

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday hailed the popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands and accused the US of plotting to torpedo its momentum.

"It is a genuine revolution. The Palestinian people are seeking liberty, freedom and a dignified life," commented the daily Al Rai Al Aam editorially.

The paper charged that Washington was "unleashing trial balloons" to distract world public opinion from the events in occupied Palestine by means of making "tutle", peace proposals.

But the paper asserted that all American-Israeli schemes against the Palestinian people and their revolutions are doomed to fail.

The daily emphasised that the will of Palestinian people has hardened as a result of the current upheaval which started last December 8.

## GULF PRESS

### Jordan pressing for peace conference

JORDAN, capitalising on the US renewed interest in Middle East peace, is pressing for full powers to be given to a proposed international peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported yesterday.

The Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad newspaper quoted Arab diplomats in Amman as saying Jordan considered Washington's new ideas for peace in the Middle East as "very advanced" compared with President Reagan's initiative of Sept 1982.

However, the paper said Amman was lobbying for mandatory powers to be accorded to the regional committees that would emanate from the conference.

The purpose is to come out with realistic and acceptable solutions to the complex crisis, the paper quoted the diplomats as saying.

It said approval of the formula was being sought by Jordan through talks conducted earlier this week by Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai in Egypt and Syria. It said Rifai was expected to visit Iraq and Saudi Arabia, in addition to other Arab countries before presenting the formula to US Secretary of State George Shultz, who is due in the region next week.

Al Itihad quoted the sources as saying Jordan's King Hussein has already received the support of certain European countries during his recent tour.

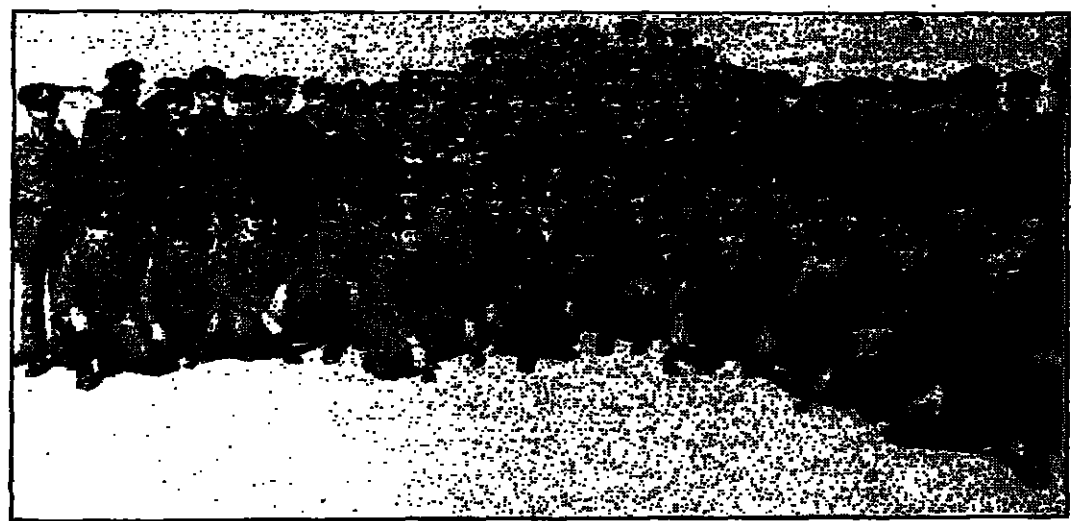
### Shaheen meets Soviet, US envoys

FOREIGN Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen met yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Ernest Zverev and US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell.

Talks during the meetings dealt with bilateral relations and developments of the situation in the region as well as international issues of mutual concern.

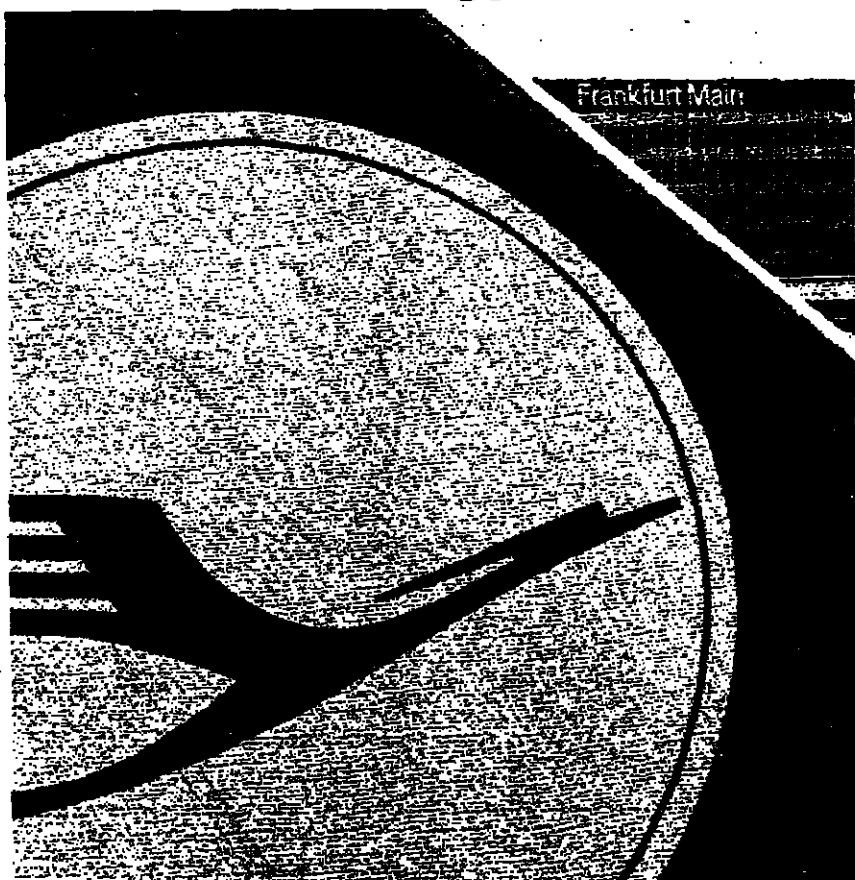


● A graduation ceremony for participants in the police patrol training course was held in the presence of the assistant undersecretary for police affairs at the Interior Ministry, Brigadier Mohammed Al Qabandi, at the premises of the Officers Training Institute. The two-week course was attended by 20 officers. Brig Al Qabandi distributed certificates to the graduates. Picture shows a graduate receiving his certificate.



● A graduation ceremony for the 33rd batch of police cadets was held under the patronage of the Police Academy Director, Colonel Abdullah Al Roumi. Graduation certificates and prizes were presented to the 113 graduates. Picture shows the graduates.

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

A MAN is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.  
— John Barrymore, US actor (1882-1942).

## PLO a major force at United Nations

By Candice Hughes

UNITED NATIONS: The PLO's observer mission to the United Nations is made up of only five people, but it has wielded a lot of influence at the world body since it opened in 1975.

A dramatic speech by PLO leader Yasser Arafat to the General Assembly in 1974 led to the opening of the mission, which the United States now is planning to close.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is mustering its support at the United Nations to fight the decision, and says it expects to win.

If it doesn't the PLO and its Arab allies say they will try to move the General Assembly to Geneva or some other city where the Palestinian group would be welcome.

"If the PLO mission is incapacitated ... then the UN assembly should have another venue," Arab League spokesman Clovis Makoud told reporters in Washington Wednesday.

Forefront  
The PLO mission is made up of three political officers and two secretaries headquartered in a four-storey Manhattan townhouse.

Zehzi Terzi, a dapper, soft-spoken diplomat who sports a grey goatee, has headed the mission since it opened. Terzi and his daughter live there.

Terzi has kept the Palestinian issue at the forefront in the United Nations.

The General Assembly, which regards the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, usually devotes a full week of its 12-week session to the issue.

Since Terzi's arrival, the assembly has set up the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the special committee to investigate Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

The latter committee regularly accuses Israel of violating the human rights of Palestinians in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and occupied Jerusalem, Terzi's birthplace.

The secretariat, the huge UN bureaucracy, has a special div-

ision for Palestinian issues and the Department of Public Information has a special Palestinian unit.

The Security Council frequently convenes at PLO's behest to consider resolutions hostile to Israel.

The PLO is a member of the movement of nations professing non-alignment with the United States and the Soviet Union, a 100-member bloc in the 159-nation General Assembly. The PLO also belongs to the Arab League and the Islamic Conference.

As an observer, the PLO has no vote in the assembly. But it never lacks allies to sponsor resolutions, demand Security Council meetings or serve as its proxy in diplomatic battle with the United States or Israel.

The United States does not accord diplomatic immunity to Terzi and his colleagues and restricts them to a 25-mile (40 kilometre) radius of the mission.

Last year, the United States closed down the only other PLO facility in the nation, an information office in Washington.

Trying to close the PLO mission has earned the United States the ire of other members of the world body.

"I believe that any attempt to expel the PLO will be opposed by the membership of the United Nations," Cypriot ambassador Constantine Moushous, chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, said Wednesday.

Vote  
It could also engender Arab ill will that could hamper Washington's attempt to launch a new Middle East peace initiative, diplomats said.

When Congress passed the law calling for the closure, the assembly voted 145-1 for a resolution calling for the United States to leave the PLO alone. Israel cast the only negative vote.

The United States did not take part in the voting.

Nasser Al Kidwa, one of Terzi's two deputies, seemed optimistic that the PLO would win its battle to keep the mission open.

"The game is not over yet," he said.

## Erroneous report

SIR: This refers to an article entitled "Lee Kuan Yew proves analysts wrong" by Lucy Komisar published in Arab Times on Feb 6, 1988. This article is replete with factual errors.

Firstly, Komisar writes "six young social activists sit in prison ...". This is not true. In fact, among the group of Marxists detained in June 1987 only one is still in detention. Vincent Cheng has admitted that he was a Marxist setting up a communist network, infiltrating organisations and religious bodies, building up pressures which could lead to public disorder even "rioting, bloodshed and violence".

Secondly, Komisar said that those detained were "mostly clergymen". The truth is that none of the detainees is from the clergy.

Thirdly, Komisar writes that the Singapore government banned the "Far Eastern Economic Review" because it ran an interview with a priest who edited The Catholic News and fled the country in fear after these arrests.

The facts are quite different. In June 1987, the Prime Minister met the Catholic Archbishop and a delegation of priests and some leaders to explain the arrest of 16 Marxist con-

pirators and some church workers, and to clarify the government was not acting against the church.

The Review published an alleged account of this meeting obtained from Edgar D'Souza, a priest who was not present at the meeting.

When the government asked FEER if it had checked the story with the Archbishop or the Prime Minister to substantiate those allegations, the Review denied any need to check its facts as it was reporting D'Souza's statement.

In other words, the Review claimed the right to publish anything — true, false or defamatory — as long as it could attribute it to a source.

Because of partisan reporting, the Singapore government reluctantly concluded that the Review had interfered in Singapore's politics. The government has not banned the Review but it has reduced its circulation from 9,000 to 500 copies in order to cut down revenue derived from sales and advertising in Singapore. The citizens and residents of Singapore have not been forbidden from reading the Review or reproducing articles from it.

Finally, contrary to Komisar's allegation, candidates for elections were not ordered to

supply their tax returns for the past 12 years.

Mushahid Ali,  
Charge d'Affaires,  
Singapore Embassy,  
Riyadh.

## Unfair bus fare

SIR: I request KPTC to review the bus fares on route No. 101, which is a convenient route from Kuwait to Fahaeel, plying via Shuwaikh, Khaitan, Farwaniya, Airport, Sabhan and Ahmadi.

KPTC charges 200 fils from Kuwait to Fahaeel, Ahmadi, Sabhan and Airport. The bus fare from Kuwait to Farwaniya, Khaitan and Shuwaikh is 150 fils; and they charge 100 fils from passengers going from Fahaeel to Ahmadi.

The fare for Fahaeel is justified by the long distance. But for 200 fils fare for short distances, for example from a passenger who commutes between Farwaniya and Sabhan or between Ahmadi and Fahaeel, is not fair. This discrepancy in fares leads to misunderstanding between passengers and bus drivers.

I request the KPTC to review the fares schedule and introduce reasonable fares on short distance routes.

Prabhu Mendonca,  
Safat.

## Clean up the buses

SIR: The air-conditioned buses operated by KPTC on the "express routes" — 501, 502 and 505 — have not been cleaned for months. Each time I board the bus I try to avoid the dust and grime, but it's impossible. As the ride is invariably bumpy — drivers are forever in a hurry — I have to grip the seat rest to remain in one place, or risk falling into the arms of a fellow-passenger.

As soon as I touch the seat my hands turn black, covered with sticky substance, much worse than printer's ink, for example from a damp copy of the Arab Times. And that is only the beginning.

The seats are grimy and covered with dust; the floor is littered with cigarette butts discarded tickets, balls of chewing gum and used tissue papers.

Clean up the buses please.

John Flanagan,  
Mina Al Zoor.

## Replace boards

SIR: Many of the electronic boards put up by companies in the past are in bad shape. No doubt, they are subject to constant battering by harsh weather, particularly strong

winds. But the dilapidated boards hardly serve the purpose for which they have been installed. Concerned companies should replace these boards as decoration and beautification of the city is already underway for the National Day celebrations.

James P. Charles,  
Safat.

## Fictitious match

SIR: This refers to the report "Moonlight beat BKME" which appeared on Feb 16.

The story is baseless. BKME Cricket Club is not participating in Sabah League Tournament currently in progress at Safeway ground. The reported match was in fact between Blue Star Cricket Club and Moonlight.

Mehmood Bastaki, Ramesh Chandran and Shaikat did not play in the said match.

Even details of the match were distorted as Shahid did not score 29 runs. It is also wrongly mentioned that Shahid and Amjad shared eight wickets between them. The official score card indicates Shahid took three wickets and Amjad got one wicket only.

Due to this highly unporting act which is unethical and illegal, the organising committee has disqualified Moonlight.



Club and all its players have been banned from Sabah tournament this season and further two seasons.

Naseem Khurshid,  
Organiser,  
Sabah Cricket League.

## Baseless

SIR: We want to bring to your notice that the report "Moonlight beat BKME" is fictitious. BKME have not entered in the Sabah League Tournament, and the said report has affected the reputation of our club.

Stephen Machado,  
sports secretary,  
BKME.

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## Reagan legacy clouded on ethics in government

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Ronald Reagan says he hopes his administration will be remembered for its high moral standards. Many critics would demur.

With the US attorney general under investigation, a former senior White House aide convicted for illegal lobbying and indictments in the Iran-Contra scandal expected soon, the administration's ethics are under a cloud of suspicion as Reagan enters his last months in power.

More than 100 senior officials have been accused of unethical or illegal conduct since Reagan took office in 1981.

Several, including former Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan, who was tried on fraud charges, and ex-National Security Adviser Richard Allen, who was accused of taking illegal gifts, have been cleared of any wrongdoing. But the record still shocks many independent observers.

"We are facing a crisis in ethical standards unmatched since the days of Watergate," Susan Manes of Common Cause, a non-partisan lobby for honesty in government, told Reuters.

The New York Times declared in a recent editorial: "President Reagan presides over one of the most corrupt administrations ever. Whether measured by the rank or sheer numbers of officials who have come under ethical suspicion and criminal investigation, the amount of sleaze is awesome."

Not everyone agrees. Honest  
Burton Yale Pines of the conservative Heritage Foundation said: "The Reagan administration has been very honest. It's very difficult to get 2,000 political appointees and to be

able to vouch for the behaviour of all of them."

He said many allegations of misconduct have not stood up under investigation. Accusations alone are not proof of guilt.

What bothers critics is that Reagan has seemed nonchalant or oblivious to the string of charges. Commenting recently on his historical legacy, he told reporters: "I hope the imprint will be one of high morality."

Democrat Mark Green, who heads the liberal Democracy Project think-tank in New York, said Reagan had to be joking.

Independent counsel James McKay is investigating allegations that Attorney General Edwin Meese, the nation's top law enforcement official, knew of a plan by close friend E. Robert Wallace, now under indictment for fraud, to pay off some Israelis as part of an Iraqi oil pipeline scheme.

Investigation  
McKay has suspended an earlier investigation of Meese for his alleged role in an influence peddling scandal concerning the Wedtech Corporation. Investigators say the probe could be revived if Wallace or his associates provide evidence against Meese.

Last week Lyn Nofziger, a long-time Reagan aide, was found guilty of illegally lobbying Meese on behalf of Wedtech. He was also convicted of lobbying White House staffers on behalf of aircraft manufacturer Fairchild Industries and a union that sought more civilian jobs on Navy ships.

Nofziger, who is seeking to overturn his criminal conviction that carries a maximum six-year prison sentence, is the first person ever convicted of influence peddling under the 1978 ethics in government law. The statute was adopted as part of the reforms

stemming from the Watergate scandal.

His case represented another embarrassment for the White House, already hit by the perjury conviction last December of former deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, a close friend of Reagan and his wife Nancy.

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh is probing possible crimes in a White House plan, exposed in 1986, to divert profits from Iran arms sales to Nicaraguan Contra rebels in violation of a congressional ban on rebel aid.

Earlier Reagan administration misconduct cases included: ● Ex-deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer, who resigned in 1984 and later pleaded guilty to giving false testimony in an insider trading scheme and obstructing justice.

● McClain Haddow, former top health and human services official, who pleaded guilty last autumn to illegally receiving \$55,000 from a foundation he set up while in government.

● Former Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) official Rita Lavelle, who was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$10,000 for lying about EPA activities.

So many Reagan lieutenants have been convicted or have resigned under a cloud that some critics are comparing the administration with others now remembered largely for scandal — those of Ulysses Grant, Warren Harding and Richard Nixon.

Duke University presidential scholar James Barber told Reuters the Reagan administration looked especially bad because it combined financial improprieties of the sort that plagued Grant and Harding with far more serious Iran-Contra abuses that evoked Watergate.

Cranston lost and became a senator  
Hitler's day in court

By Anthony O. Miller

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Nearly 50 years ago, a failed Austrian artist sued a fledgling American newspaperman in a US court for publishing his book. The author was Adolf Hitler, the book was 'Mein Kampf', and the newspaperman was Alan Cranston.

Hitler won the suit, went to war and ended his own life in a bunker in Berlin. Cranston lost the suit, quit journalism, went into politics and now, almost a half century later, is a Democratic senator from California.

In the summer of 1934, the Stanford University junior visited Munich and found himself standing five feet from Hitler.

"I saw this man with a glazed look of power in his face," recalled Cranston.

By 1939, Cranston had been a foreign correspondent in Ethiopia, Italy and Germany with the International News Service and had returned to the United States, "intent upon getting into politics, if I could."

"I quit journalism," Cranston said in an interview, "because ... I was too concerned about events unfolding in the world with Hitler and Mussolini to spend my life just recording such events. I'd rather be involved in the action."

Display  
"Early in 1939, I was in Macy's book store in New York, and I saw a big display of 'Mein Kampf' for sale, the English-language version which I had never seen. I'd read the German-language version."

"Mein Kampf" German for 'My Struggle' was Hitler's rambling, rage-filled blueprint for

the Nazi domination of Europe.

"As I picked it up, I knew it wasn't the real book because it was much less weighty, it was much thinner. It turned out it had been edited so that a good bit of Hitler wrote was left out," including sections showing Hitler's plans for the world.

To get out the truth, Cranston said he conspired with "my friend, Amster Spiro, who was a Hearst (newspaper) editor" to publish "an anti-Nazi version of Mein Kampf. Unknown to them, two other publishers were doing the same thing."

"I wrote the German text in about eight days to a battery of secretaries in a loft in Manhattan," recalled Cranston.

"One of these secretaries (a young Jewish woman) apparently thought, 'my God, what am I mixed up in?'" She was an anti-defamation league member, B'nai B'rith, and Benjamin R. Epstein, later to direct the ADL for 30 years, soon was poking around the house, asking questions.

"I was shocked," Epstein said, that Spiro, also Jewish, was involved in publishing Hitler.

Worked  
Then Epstein met Cranston. "Once I realised he was really on our side," he said, "I opened our files and we worked very closely together" to produce the text. They also opened their own company, Noram Publishing Co. Inc., to market it.

"We have slashed Hitler's 270,000 words to 70,000," declared their book's forward, "but nothing important is omitted" the 32-page tabloid edition, copyrighted in 1939, was a

"Reader's Digest-like version (showing) the worst of Hitler,"

said Cranston, noting it contained illustrations and notes pointing out Hitler's "propaganda and distortions."

"It sold half a million copies in 10 days," at 10 cents apiece, Cranston laughed.

Where Hitler's authorised American publisher, Houghton Mifflin Co., was "going to pay him a royalty and ... make money off the book," at \$3 apiece, Cranston's book swore, "not a cent of royalty to Hitler," and pledged all profits to refugees from Hitler's reich.

By January 1939, 'Mein Kampf' was a best seller in Germany and had earned the paupered dictator, once rejected by Austrian art schools, about \$3 million.

Sued  
But early that year, "the people representing Hitler — in effect, because they had his copyright ... sued us because we were obviously undercutting their market," said Cranston. Houghton Mifflin also sued another American bootlegger of 'Mein Kampf' Stackpole Sons Inc.

Hitler was legally "stateless" — a man without a country — when he wrote 'Mein Kampf'.

Stackpole Sons told a federal judge that because Hitler was "stateless" when he wrote his book, under US copyright law it was in the public domain and he had no copyrights to defend.

The trials were among the oddest in American jurisprudence. Their arguments set precedents and provoked a spate of stories in newspapers, popular magazines and legal journals.

## Someone shielded Waldheim

By David Lewis

VIENNA, (Reuters): Kurt Waldheim's role in the fate of six British commandos who were almost certainly executed in 1944 could be a pointer to how far the beleaguered Austrian President and one-time UN chief was embroiled in war crimes.

But documents which could have shown the exact extent of Waldheim's involvement have disappeared and, strangely, some political observers ask whether Britain and the United States destroyed them.

The commandos were captured on the Greek island of Alimnia on April 7, 1944 and transferred to Arsakli, near Salonika, where Waldheim was an intelligence officer.

Shot  
After interrogation there, an international commission of historians concluded last week, they were handed over to be shot under Adolf Hitler's command order of 1942.

British historian and parliamentarian Robert Rhodes James said he believed evidence already presented made Waldheim incriminate for his activities in Hitler's Balkan Army.

But did Britain and the United States deliberately remove papers documenting even deeper involvement?

Neal Ascherson, a respected commentator for the British weekly The Observer, wrote this Sunday:

"(There is) ... mounting circumstantial evidence that somebody weeded the world's archives for him after the war — in the matter of the executed British commandos, for instance."

"(Waldheim) was a cog in the

wheels, a chain in the developing actions which ended, in part, in war crimes," British commission member Gerald Fleming said.

The London Times reported on Feb 5 that in 1978 — when Waldheim was secretary-general of the United Nations — the Foreign Office shredded more than 20 files on the case of Allan Turkey, one of the six commandos in question.

Strange  
And the commission report noted that the relevant "Alimnia File" was returned to West Germany from the United States in 1960 with the annotation: "Do not film this sheet. Interrogation reports removed because of security classification."

Fleming says this was strange since the file — which could have contained information on a second interrogation of Turkey



Kurt Waldheim  
— went back neither "classified" nor "restricted."

"The question arises whether these second interrogations which are missing were destroyed by the Germans or taken out subsequently by someone else," he said.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1574 — Dutch rebels seize Zeeland.
- 1685 — La Salle, French explorer, establishes first settlement in Texas.
- 1856 — Reform edict is published in Turkish empire.
- 1884 — British forces under General Charles Gordon reach Khartoum in Sudan, but the Mahdi rejects his offer to negotiate.
- 1900 — Piet Cronje surrenders to British at Paardeberg in South African war.
- 1915 — German blockade of England goes into effect as submarine war is intensified in World War I.
- 1945 — Pacific war battle for Iwo Jima begins in World War II.
- 1964 — Earthquakes rock Azores in eastern Atlantic, and ships battle high waves to evacuate people from San Jorge island.
- 1965 — African nation of Gambia becomes independent within British Commonwealth.
- 1970 — Young Filipinos storm US Embassy compound in Manila protesting US military bases in Philippines and US economic policy.
- 1987 — Iraq announces two-week truce in its bombing campaign against Iranian cities in Gulf war.





## Table Talk

BY DINAH

DO hotel buffets bore you? Do you face those impressive displays of mezzeh thinking, "Stuff the vine leaves!" If you feel you can't look another boiled prawn in the eye (even with its thousand island dressing), it's probably time you gave your palate a holiday. Fortunately in Kuwait you don't have to travel thousands of miles to try exotic cuisine, as there are so many ethnic restaurants catering for the different nationalities working in the country. Recently the number of places serving Filipino food has increased. One of the longer established of these is the Far East Restaurant, located on the first floor of the Salhia Building—just off Fahd Al Salem Street and near the entrance to the Salhia Complex.

It's easy to forget you are in

# A trip to the Far East

Kuwait as you sit surrounded by Filipinos chattering away in Tagalog. Large pictures of scenes from the Philippines, cane and shell lampshades and bamboo-patterned curtains all add to the authenticity of the atmosphere. The Far East Restaurant is simply furnished with wooden tables and chairs and the tableware is cheap and cheerful. Up-beat music playing gently in the background creates a light-hearted mood. Don't be dismayed when you find that the menu is mainly in Tagalog, for the waiter, who has an excellent command of English, will patiently describe every dish for you, if you ask. In fact the service throughout the meal was excellent.

### Range

It would be quite possible to eat a simple, filling meal at the Far East for as little as KD3 per person, as the average price of dishes is KD1.500. However, as we wanted to try a wide range of items on the menu, we ordered a much more lavish, and consequently more expensive, meal than you might have in mind; our total bill for a two-course lunch for two coming to KD12.050, including fruit juices, water and coffee. The specialties of the house are, without a doubt, the excellent seafood and fish dishes, but the

menu also offers a range of beef, vegetable and chicken preparations in addition to a selection of soups, rice and those tasty Filipino noodle dishes. For the unadventurous there is even some American fare.

Of the dishes we ordered the Crabs in Spicy Sauce is to be highly recommended. Eight halves of crabs had been cooked in a thick, hot piquant sauce with whole peppercorns. It's certainly not the dish to eat in front of someone you're trying to impress with your social finesse, and fingerbowls are sadly lacking. The much milder Prawns in Coconut Sauce made the perfect contrast to the crab dish. Large, sweet jumbo prawns were served in a delicate sauce of coconut milk and fresh ginger with a julienne of carrots and green peppers. Chili Beef was an odd misnomer for a very subtle dish of shredded beef in a gentle oyster-flavoured sauce. The mixed fried rice was a colourless, rather ordinary dish containing peas, egg and beef strips.

### Risk

When adventuring in unfamiliar cuisine one runs the risk of ordering something that demands an acquired taste. This happened to us with the

Pinakbet na Hipon. A vegetable stew of aubergine, pumpkin okra, onion and bitter melon cooked in a fish stock and decorated with a jumbo prawn, it had an extremely sour flavour which I found unpleasant.

Filipino desserts, too, are not for the uninitiated. The Mais con Yelo consisted of a tin of sweetcorn poured with its brine into a parfait glass mixed with milk and topped with tasteless crushed ice. The result was very salty. The Saging na Saba con Yelo was a sweeter version of the same dish using dried banana pieces instead of sweetcorn. Coffee at the Far East consists of nescafe and creamer in sachets and the fresh orange juice we ordered was very diluted for 500 fls. The Far East Restaurant is well worth a visit for an informal lunch or dinner but I would recommend that you leave out the desserts and drinks for a more economical meal.

**RESTAURANT:** The Far East Restaurant  
**TYPE:** Filipino  
**MEAL:** Two course a la carte lunch.  
**Star rating (out of five):** ★★  
**FOOD:** ★★  
**SERVICE:** ★★  
**ATMOSPHERE:** ★★  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** ★★

## WHAT'S ON

### CINEMA

#### Czech Cinema

"Introducing Czechoslovak Cinema" will be held from Feb 20 to 24. A selection of animated and feature films will be shown. They are:

Feb 20: Visit Prague (animated film); followed by feature "Last Greetings from the Planet Earth".  
Feb 21: Service (animated); and The Seller of Humour.

Feb 22: The King and the Goblin (animated); and Hurry, He's Coming.

Feb 23: Mr Pip's Trip (animated); Watch Out, the Rounds.

Feb 24: Janko: The Pea in the Shoe; Cuckoo in the Dark Forest.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. Children not allowed inside the auditorium. The festival has been organised by the Kuwait Cine Club.

### THEATRE

#### KLT

Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT), Ahmadi, will hold auditions for the summer musical at its premises at 7.30 pm on Feb 19. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details contact 3985246 after 3 pm.

**Kuwait Players**  
"Do Not Disturb," an adult comedy written by Michael Pertwee will be performed at 8 pm on Feb 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Universal American School. For reservations ring 5613465; 5745838; 5619244. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### SOCIAL

#### Sur Sangeet Group

A variety show featuring Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu songs and ghazals will be held on Friday, 6 pm, at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

#### Ladies Tea Party

The International Ladies Tea Party will hold a fancy dress competition at their next meeting on March 2 at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. A karate expert will demonstrate self-defence techniques. For participating contact 5317390; 5386297.

**Photography Contest**  
All members of Kapilku, the Filipino organisation in Kuwait, are invited to take part in a photography contest on "Portrait of Filipinos in Kuwait. All entries must be (minimum) 20 x 40 cms. Prints can be in black and white or colour. Each contestant is allowed to submit a maximum of three entries. All entries must be titled or captioned and mounted on a white illustration board. The last date for submitting entries is March 1. They can be submitted at the Philippine Embassy and all the Filipino restaurants in Kuwait. Winners will receive valuable prizes, including 20 consolation prizes; the names of winners will be announced after March 4.

**Marty's Day**  
Bangladeshis will hold a meeting and print a booklet to mark the Martyrs Day. Badesik, the Bangladesh



A scene from The Seller of Humour (above), one of the Czech films to be shown next week. Below: A still from an animated feature film from Czechoslovakia.



Diploma Engineers Society, will hold a discussion on the "Bengali Language Day" on Friday, Feb 26, from 3 pm at the home of Shafiqullah Dewan, Abbasia. The Bandhan Nattya Chakra will publish a booklet to mark the occasion.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
Annual St David's Day dinner at Messiah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

**Kuwait Irish Society**  
St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact—5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

**Music Concert '88**  
Adeeb, Lynette (vocals), Ammar (guitar/vocals), Asim (keyboards/synthesizer), Muraza (bass guitar) and Raza (drums) will participate in the Music Concert '88, due to be held on Feb 19 at Al Andalus Cinema. They will present a variety of songs, originally sung by such groups as Durran Durran, Europe, Bonjovi and others. Tickets available at Al Andalus box office. For details contact—5618482 or 3983165 (Adeeb).

**Kuwait National History Group**  
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 25, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. An illustrated talk on Peru will be given by Ms Kathleen Scanlon.

**HOTELS**

**At the Ramada Al Salam**  
El Bender Coffee Shop, open 24 hours, offers family brunch, on Friday from 12 noon to 3

pm. Highlights include painting competition for children, games, magic show and ship's discovery tour. Children's parties will be held on Feb 25 and 26. For details contact the hotel.

**At the Continental**  
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

**At the Sheraton**  
Enjoy Arab world specialties in Le Tarbouche on Thursday night. Le Tarbouche features Lebanese cuisine for lunch and dinner on Fridays. Dine in the Hunt Room with music by Trio Paradise; for lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte. For a Friday outing visit Al Hambra restaurant and enjoy special lunch buffet from 11 am to 4 pm.

**At the Meridien**  
Crepe festival continues until Feb 24 in Al Waha Palace. Every Thursday, eat to the beat at Tony and Remy's jam session in La Brasserie.

There is family fun on Fridays featuring an Oriental buffet, musical entertainment, play room with cartoons, Lego games, and Bugs Bunny and Donald Duck. Open from 12 noon to 4 pm at the La Brasserie.

**At the Hilton**  
Start your Friday with the brunch buffet featured at the La Palma Restaurant. It offers specialties of the deep American south like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jumbolaya, spicy

cajun rice and much more. Listen to Jazz blues played by the Magnetic Band Quartet.

**At the SAS**  
Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at Tuesday's Sahrat Al Khema—Oriental Night—in The Tent. An Arabian bazaar features perfumes, jewellery, clothes, rugs and other items. Buffet dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

### SPORTS

#### Raft Race

Raft Race 1988 entry forms and rules are now available from the Messiah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Foz Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext. 712/751/705.

**Filipino Non-Pro Bowling League**  
This week's match is on Thursday (Feb 18), 6 pm to 8 pm; between Passy City and Paranaque; and on Friday, Feb 19, morning, Marikina vs Paranaque and Makati vs Malabon and in the afternoon Manila vs Mandaluyong; Navatas vs. Valenzuela; Las Pinas vs. Pasig. All matches will be held at the Club 300.

**Boys Own Club**  
The third seven-a-side football tournament takes place on Feb 19 at Al Soor Grounds. Draw will be held at 7 am and the first game begins at 7.30 am. All teams wishing to participate contact Joe D'Souza—Tel: 4813622/25 ext. 147.

**Sports Club**  
Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club for the proposed Ladies Sports club. The club is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

**Soccer Team**  
A group of young Italians are organising a European Soccer team. If you are interested please contact Carlo on Tel: 2445120/11/2/3/4.

**ARTS**

**Sultan Gallery**  
"Kuwait: Studies in Water-colour" is the theme of an exhibition of paintings by American artist Kathleen Stafford at the Sultan Gallery, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm (except Friday), until Feb 29. The gallery is located near the Rolls Royce showroom, Al Soor St. Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery.

A painting exhibition is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, until Feb 24.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
8.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Fi Rihab Tariya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareib.  
11.00 Songs  
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shabin.  
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anham: "Min Akhbar Jahan": Arabic serial, part 5; starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events  
3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'laeb: cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective, Simon Templar.  
5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme  
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rolah Farah  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamdi  
7.30 Mafhoum Ayesh Farhan: Arabic serial. Starring: Sayeda Kawari, Basma Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mohammad.  
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkur  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 From People's Art  
10.25 Mushagabat Talath: Arabic feature film starring Laila Alwi, Karam Mutawa, Ilham Shahin, Ali Al Sharif. The adventurous story of three girls on the run.  
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Amina Al Sharrarh.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.35 World News via Satellite  
2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown  
**FRIDAY**  
9.00 Holy Quran  
9.30 Children's Magazine

10.00 News Summary  
10.05 World News via Satellite  
10.30 Hikayat Min Aalam: Stories from Around the World.  
11.00 Prophet's (PBUH) Saying: religious programme  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.15 Min Wahi Al Ayaat Al Bayanat: religious serial.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 INTERVAL  
2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV  
3.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwali Sharawi  
4.00 Sufed Jhoot: Hindi feature film, starring Rakesh Roshan, Ashok Kumar. A young executive takes sick leave to honeymoon with his wife at a hill resort. Complication arise when the man's boss turns up for a holiday and stays at the same hotel. Comedy.  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Kul Al Fumoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi  
7.55 Weekly Seminar: part two of discussion on Kuwaiti women and government housing  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Songs and Music  
11.00 Qulub Eind Al Marafi: ep. 6, Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

**KTV 2**  
3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine  
6.00 Centurions: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: "Toby Tyler" Part 5  
7.00 Rags to Riches:  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Spenser for Hire: "An Eye For An Eye." Spenser's reputation is threatened by a defamation suit and his alleged involvement with gangsters.  
9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Theo's Flight". Theo wants to take flying lessons; but father Huxtable is not happy about the bill.  
10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British illusionist Paul Daniels returns with more magic and tricks.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Desperate Voyage." Starring: Christopher Plummer, Cliff Potts, Christine Belford, Lara Parker, Jonathan Banks. Plummer plays a villainous modern-day pirate who waits for SOS signals and then proceeds to give the troubled seamen anything but help. Duration: 104 minutes.  
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6.00 The Ra-Princess of Power: "A Loss of Words." Cartoons.  
6.30 Airwolf: "Code of Silence". After a helicopter crash, a member of the Airwolf team is accused of negligence.  
7.30 Spitting Image  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
9.05 Matlock: "The Affair". A maid working with a wealthy couple is accused of killing her employer. The dead man's widow is convinced the maid is innocent.  
9.30 Weekend: local programme  
10.00 What A Country: "Citizenship Pain". Nicolai is convinced he is being followed by the KGB; Mr Brown has a plan.  
10.30 Crime Story: "Ground Zero". Lucas is acquitted by the court; and triumphantly rebuilds his underground empire  
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Joseph Bologna plays Nick Foley in Rags to Riches, on KTV 2.



Roger Moore plays Simon Templar in The Saint, today on KTV 1.

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## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Ahlam Pharmacy  
Souk Muteheda  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Baghdad Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Salem St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Khayyam Pharmacy  
Beirut St.

**Salmiya and Rumaitiya**  
Al Denah Pharmacy  
Shua'a Al Sabab Bldg., Amman St.  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Al Burgan Pharmacy  
Souk Sabab, F'heel

**Khaitas**  
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy  
Rajaa Commercial Centre, South St.

**Jahra**  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

**FRIDAY**  
**Kuwait**  
Al Watan Pharmacy  
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg.  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Salem Pharmacy  
nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.

**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Noora Pharmacy  
Othman St.

**Salmiya and Rumaitiya**  
Al Fida Pharmacy  
Ahmad Jarallah Bldg., Khansa St.

**Fahadheel and Ahmadi**  
Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
Mujamma St., F'heel

**Farwania**  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Main St.

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THERE was a marvellous report in last Tuesday's Guardian newspaper about the success of a new traffic campaign in Denmark. What the cunning Danes did was to put up cardboard policemen near notorious speeding areas. Motorists instinctively slowed down as soon as they saw the policemen and accidents were cut by over 30 per cent. It gave me a few ideas.

Why don't they put styrofoam police cars all along the Fifth Ring Road? It would cut accidents by a half. Come to think of it, I'm pretty sure they've got cardboard clerks in most of the ministries and offices I have to visit. At least judging from the results of my efforts to get things done, the officials might as well be made of cardboard. After all, who is better to do the paperwork than a paperman?

#### Problems

Think of the advantages, ministries could stay open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, no overtime to worry about, no holidays for the staff. I'm going to introduce cardboard employees in a big way, start my own employment agency. No more trouble with maids complaining about ill-treatment. Get one of my cardboard ones and you can beat her all day long without any problems, she's guaranteed never to complain to her Embassy.

I think I'll approach KTV too and see if they'd like to use some of my staff for routine jobs like newsreading. I could easily fix them up with a little

## Paper tigers

By Keith Wells

taperecorder that said 'Matters of mutual interest... bilateral relations and under the auspices...'

Of course they'd be pretty cheap, I think I'll rent them out for about five dinars a month. Then whenever the Ministry of the Interior get unhappy about illegal residents and so on I could sell them a job lot so they could deport thousands of them in one fell swoop. The airlines would be delighted since they could pack them into the holds and not even bother to

since I'll produce them right here in sunny Shuwaikh, genuine Kuwaitis every one of them. When they wear out, you simply throw them away and get some more. Next time the police ask to see my papers, I've already started, in a small way, and if you look closely you will see some of my employees working as models in local shop windows. But this is only the beginning. Once they've got a bit of experience and on-the-job training I'm

could use one as their spokesman for Palestinian Rights.

I'm looking for really big orders. I think my best bet for mass subscriptions will be from the local football stadiums which are always embarrassingly empty whenever they show those stunningly exciting matches between Abbasiya and Hawalli or whoever. With twenty thousand of my men on their feet and cheering like mad, the whole event will be transformed.

Of course, a lot of them will be applying for jobs as baristas, and with a cardboard guard on duty your building will always be safe. Indeed, they will be able to do minor repairs and handle complaints much more efficiently than at present. In fact, they are perfect for positions of authority dealing with complaints from the public, they will listen to you patiently and with real understanding and then take exactly the same course of action as the present incumbents who are earning a hundred times the salary.

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One final brilliant idea, I could multiply my readership a hundredfold!

I think I'll approach KTV too and see if they'd like to use some of my staff for routine jobs like newsreading. I could easily fix them up with a taperecorder that said matters of mutual interest... bilateral relations and under the auspices...

serve them with cardboard...

Yes, the idea really has possibilities. How about telephonists? All over the country companies are spending millions of dinars employing telephonists who never bother to answer their phones. I'll replace them all at a fraction of the price with Mr Keith's Genuine Cardboard Telephone Operators and get the same results for a fraction of the price.

You won't have anymore visa problems for your staff

sure they'll be able to apply for more demanding positions. I think I'll send a few to university to get a bit of education. I've consulted a few teachers about this and they all agree that my workers should have no problem keeping up with the other students.

They'll have to specialise of course. I think I'll appoint quite a lot of them as spokesmen for various institutions, they should be able to do a much better job than the present holders. For example, the Israelis

say George thinks quiche is soul food.

"Mommy, Mommy, George said I hurt Gerry Ford in his election in '76 because I was the bad guy."

"Don't let it bother you, son. George just said that because you have a faster tongue than he does. You go back out there and tell him he is not only a wimp and a twit, but a toady as well."

"Mommy, George now wants me to apologise for calling him a toady."

"Don't do it. Once you apologise you'll wind up taking the high road. You can't afford to let Bush have the low road all to himself."

"I hate George Bush — I hate him."

"Of course you hate him, but that doesn't mean you can ignore his attacks."

"What can I call him now?"

"How about saying he's the 'father of his country'?"

"That's not mean."

"If you say it, Bobby, everyone will think it is."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

### The Art Buchwald Column

## Sticks and stones

"I will, Mommy. I'm going to say George Bush would have traded the Sixth Fleet to Iran for an autographed picture of the Ayatollah Khomeini."

"That's good, Bobby. Play hardball so no one can impugn your integrity."

"OK... Mommy, Mommy, I called George another Spiro Agnew and he said I was part of the problem."

"Why would he say that?"

"Because I also told him all he ever did for Reagan was grovel in the mud in the Rose Garden."

"You had every right to say it. It's an open secret."

"I know what I'm going to do, Mommy. When George walks by the house I'm going to accuse him of negative campaigning."

"That's nice. Have a

cookie."

"Mommy, Mommy, I told George he was engaging in negative campaigning, and he said he only started doing it after I called him a wimp."

"He hates being called a wimp. All wimps do."

"Can I say George doesn't know anything because he's not a leader and all he has done for seven years is sit on the bench waiting for his number to be called?"

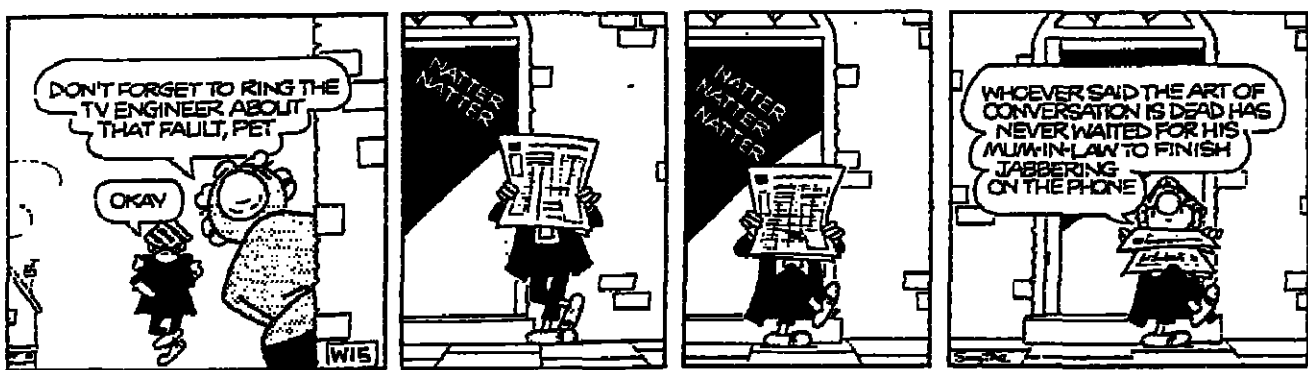
"Of course you can say it, Bobby. You can also call him a twit if you want to."

"I'm going to say George doesn't understand the small-town ways of New Hampshire because he's an urban dweller and only knows people who go to French restaurants to eat quiche."

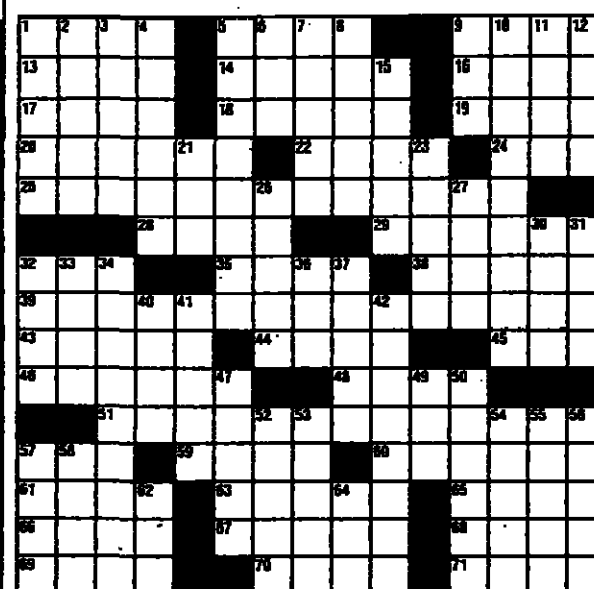
"Heh, heh, you can also

#### ANDY CAPP

By Smith



### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- Deeds
  - Not bright
  - Confidence game
  - Venetian blind
  - Suffered
  - Sit for a portrait
  - Lizard: Comb. form
  - Clamor
  - Feed the kitty
  - Caught sight of
  - Tuft
  - Command to Fido
  - 1981 Hayley Mills film
  - Type of poker
  - Hard, glassy mineral
  - Boxing great
  - Trees of the pine family
  - "Evita" role
  - 1933 Laurel & Hardy film
  - Copying machine necessity
  - Expect
  - 45 — Plaines, Ill.
  - Peaks
  - "— a Song Go Out of My Heart"
  - 1970 Mitchum/Miles film
  - Well-known uncle
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  - Units
  - In addition
  - Road worker
  - US theater org.
  - Observe
  - Journey stages
  - Observed
  - Something of value
  - Disagree sharply
  - Dark, brownish gray
  - Peels
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  - "The Gold Bug" author
  - Opposite of pos.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AQJ63 ♥KQ5 ♦AQ ♣KJ5  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—Thus far, you have told partner that you have a balanced hand of 22-24 points (or 21-22, depending on system) and at least four spades. Partner has said that, in that case, he expects your side to be able to make 10 tricks at a spade contract. Your fifth spade does not change that. Pass.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AQJ954 ♥A6 ♦AQ ♣AQ5  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
2 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—Partner's jump to game over your demand bid has a very specific meaning. He is telling you that he has good trumps but no first or second-round control in any side suit. At best, therefore, slam may depend on two of three finesses; at worst, you will have no play. Pass.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQ ♥KJ5 ♦KJ ♣K107642  
What is your opening bid?

A.—Basically, you have a balanced 17-point hand with tenaces. Except for your six-card club suit, you would have a perfect one no trump opener. So pretend one of your clubs is a spade, and make that most descriptive bid.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AK6 ♥KJ872 ♦KJ643 ♣—  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?  
A.—You have a very good hand, but you have no idea, as yet, where the hand is going to be played. Therefore, this is not the hand for a jump shift, which should be made only when you have a self-sustaining suit or support for partner's suit. Respond one heart.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K105 ♥AKJ983 ♦— ♣K873  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?  
A.—This is a very close decision. The trouble with a jump to three hearts is that partner might pass on many hands where four spades is the right contract; or, you might miss a club slam when partner simply raises to four hearts. All in all, we would take our chances with a simple two-club rebid, to see how partner reacts.

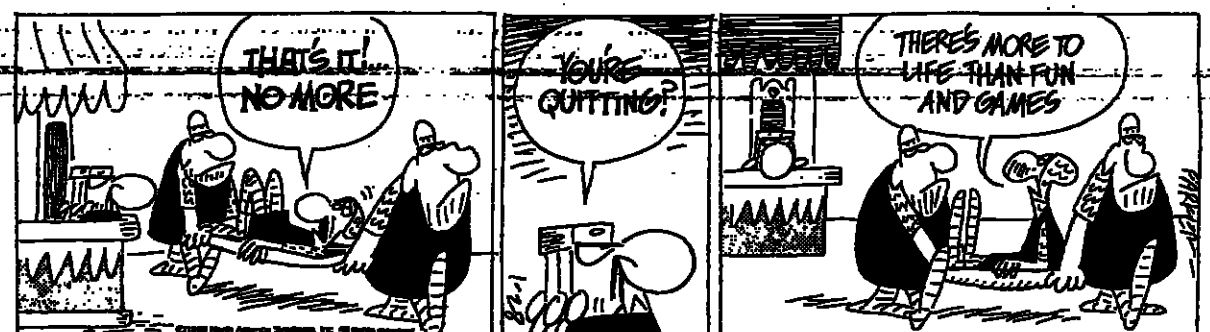
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Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠K105 ♥95 ♦AQJ3 ♣AJ8  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT 2 ♥ Pass Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—With such a solid no trump, you don't want to sell out to two hearts even though partner couldn't act voluntarily. Double. Sitting under the bid, that's for takeout. Whatever partner does will probably be right.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



#### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You are on the right track and should not allow yourself to be dissuaded. You will enjoy reading a good book. Do all you can to avoid getting into an argument. Be alert.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you live up to expectations. Do not however ask for more than you deserve or ask too much of yourself either. Make sure you eat a balanced diet and avoid excessive drinking or smoking. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be in high spirits, indeed you will have to restrain yourself somewhat. You will be able to make a good progress with an important project. Look where you are going. Be resilient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You have good reason to be pleased with yourself. However you should not try to rest on your laurels. Do not do anything that might give rise to confusion. Be considerate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Today you have the wind in your sails. The only thing is you must ensure you are heading in the right direction. Do not allow work to obtrude upon your personal life. Be more positive.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The less favourable influence of the Moon will tend to give rise to confusions. You should keep your objectives very much in mind. You should guard against doing anything that might give offence. Be a little more patient.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to deal with a problem that has been defying you for some time. You should avoid allowing yourself to get caught up in negative reflections. Do not place too much reliance on intuition and none on guesswork. Be moderate.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will feel better than of late and you will be better able to get things done. You will have to deal with a person who is being a nuisance. You should avoid getting into a violent argument. Be a little more observant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Avoid being personal where you should be objective. You will be easily irritated and once aware of this trend will be able to take corrective action. All kind of extremes and exaggerations are to be avoided. Be considerate.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be able to get a lot more done, but you should avoid rushing as much as you should avoid slacking. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be less emotional.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The situation is more favourable and you will be able to deal with a problem that has been dogging you. You should do all you can to maintain harmony between yourself and your partner. Certain limits of propriety should not be exceeded. Be tolerant.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

The Moon's better influence will help you to meet your commitments. You will have to keep calm in the face of some provocation. Have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Be cordial.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Turkey and Iran agree to boost trade relations

ANKARA, Turkey, Feb. 17. (AP): Foreign ministers Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey and Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran yesterday discussed ways to improve bilateral trade relations, a Turkish official said.

The volume of trade between the two countries has declined steadily over the past two years from \$2.9 billion in 1985 to \$1.4 billion last year.

The government official, who requested anonymity, said Velayati asked Turkey to fulfil its pledge to import \$80 million worth of products other than oil. Last year, Turkey imported only \$8 million worth of products other than oil.

Velayati also expressed interest in building a joint oil pipeline but there were still some financial problems to be worked out, the official added. He said the issue would be discussed again during Premier Turgut Ozal's visit to Tehran on Feb. 28.

The proposed pipeline would carry crude from the Ahwaz oil fields in southwestern Iran to a Turkish terminal at Doryol at the eastern tip of Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Ozal's visit will follow a joint economic commission meeting between the two countries that is scheduled to begin in Tehran on Feb. 24.

Velayati expressed his country's satisfaction with Turkey's neutral policy in the Gulf war, the official said.

## Oman cuts oil output

MUSCAT, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Oman has started a five per cent cut in oil production to help stabilise the world market, government sources said today.

Petroleum and Minerals Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari announced earlier this month Oman would reduce its oil output to 536,750 barrels per day (bpd) from 565,000 barrels.

## Greenspan voices support for World Bank

# Stability emerges in US economy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (AP): Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said today that financial conditions that influence interest rates "seem to be in relative balance" in the United States.

Greenspan's comments, made in a speech to the Bretton Woods committee, appeared to suggest that no major action by the Federal Reserve — the US central bank — on US interest rates is imminent.

**Prospects**  
There has been speculation in recent days that the nation's central bank might be on the verge of easing credit through a lowering of its discount rate, the rate it charges banks and other financial institutions for direct loans.

Asked about interest rates, Greenspan said that "evidence of the most recent past" was in the direction of "emerging stability" in the economy of the United States and other industrial nations.

"The relationships at the moment among all the major financial variables seem to be in relative balance," Greenspan said.

However, he said that prospects for buoyant economic growth throughout the industrial world this year "are patently not great."

On another subject, Greenspan cited recent improvements in trade balances among the world's key trading partners, and he criticized treatment of the trade issue during the US presidential primaries — in apparent criticism of campaign statements by Democratic contender representative Richard Gephardt.

The Bretton Woods committee is a private organization formed to rally support in Congress for the World Bank and other international institutions.

Greenspan also voiced support for a proposal for a \$75-million increase in World Bank

funds sought by bank president Barber Conable, claiming it was needed to help developing nations pursue sound economic policies.

### Work

Conable stressed the need to expand the bank's efforts in support of basic poverty alleviation programmes and efforts to secure the natural resources base in developing countries.

In a speech to the Bretton Woods committee Conable said that the bank's board is considering capital increase proposals, which would include a possible \$75 billion boost to bring capital base of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) — as the World Bank is formally known to \$171 billion.

Commenting on the reasons for a capital increase, he said the bank will strengthen programmes that attack absolute poverty, increase efforts to ensure that

adjustment enhances, rather than retards, prospects for the poor.

Conable added the bank will boost its work in the field of development and the environment, continue significant lending in support of basic infrastructure development.

He noted that the bank will make an important contribution in assisting highly indebted nations to regain credit worthiness.

### Crisis

The World Bank president announced that the bank would seek to strengthen its work in the area of stimulating private sector contributions to development and that a high level panel of experts has just been formed to develop recommendations on this front.

On the debt crisis Conable stressed the need for determined,

constructive, efforts aimed at securing solutions between the governments of the industrial and the developing countries, the commercial creditors and the multilateral institutions.

He underlined the vital requirement of determined adjustment programmes for the restoration of credit worthiness and noted that the debtor nations will need to have the keys to reform and to capital in seeking the way out of their difficulties.

Conable said that he will seek to facilitate the debt workout process between creditors and debtors. At the same time he noted that new money will still be needed for the highly indebted nations and in addition to its own direct lending, the bank "has to use our ingenuity, particularly in developing effective instrument of credit enhancement such as co-financing scheme and effective use of guarantees to attract this new money."

## World Business Summary

### UAE oil exports totalled \$4b in first half of 1987

ABU DHABI, Feb. 17. (Opec): The UAE oil exports during the first half of 1987 reached \$4.08 billion against 3.26 billion over the same period a year earlier. According to a Central Bank bulletin here, gas exports increased in value to \$0.68 billion against 0.59 billion over the same period, recording a 13.6 per cent increase. The report said the country's non-oil exports rose by 44.7 per cent in value during the period, while re-exports went up to \$1.49 billion from 1.03 billion a year earlier. Imports rose 6.6 per cent reaching \$3.54 billion from 3.32 billion, the bank said, adding that indicators pointed to an improvement in the overall performance of the country's economy.

The country recorded a trade surplus of \$2.72 billion over the same period, the report noted.

Meanwhile, Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said today that "I am convinced that \$18 is a reasonable level of pricing for consumers and producers," he told a meeting of Japanese oil industry officials.

"We are allowing our production to drop below the allocated quota for us. Whoever feels our oil is too expensive for him, can find cheaper oil elsewhere," he said.

The market price of oil today was about \$16 per barrel. Oteiba said he was determined to squash rumours the UAE would offer its customers a discount to the price agreed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

### Indonesia to boost oil refining capacity

JAKARTA, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Indonesia's state-owned Pertamina Oil Company announced today plans to build a \$700 million oil refinery to supply oil products to Asia. Company president director Abdul Rachman Ramly told parliament the refinery would be a British-designed plant, with a capacity of 100,000 barrels of refined products a day. Ramly said the plant would be built in East Java and produce products mainly for export. Industry sources said negotiations were taking place with British Petroleum, and financing would be from the British and Japanese sources.

Industry sources said the refinery would swell the glut in world refining capacity and could hurt South-East Asia's refining centre of Singapore. "It's being built with an eye to when oil prices recover, possibly in a few years," said one oil industry executive. So far Indonesia's refining capacity has been mainly used to supply the domestic market. The new plant is part of a trend by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to expand export revenues by moving further into the refining end of the business. The sources said British Petroleum was discussing formation of a consortium with Japan's Mitsui and Mitsubishi companies.

Pertamina's processing director Jopie Oekon told reporters that Pertamina had completed a feasibility study and construction work would start soon. He did not elaborate.

The project would be financed by export credits and other kinds of soft loans from Britain and Japan, as well as commercial credits. The foreign contractors would recover costs by selling shares of the oil, with Japan as the likeliest market, industry sources said. Indonesia's present total refining capacity is 905,000 barrels a day, with an estimated actual throughput of 675,000 barrels a day.

## Domestic sales boost Toyota earnings

TOKYO, Feb. 17. (AP): Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest automaker, reported today that strong domestic sales boosted its consolidated net earnings in the second half of 1987 by 4.5 per cent from a year earlier to 79 billion yen (\$608 million).

Total sales of vehicles rose by 5.2 per cent to 2.3 trillion yen (\$17 billion) between July and December last year from a year earlier, said a Toyota official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

**Sales**  
Exports accounted for 42.5 per cent of the company's car sales, down 4.2 percentage points from the previous year, to 985 billion yen (\$7.6 billion), he said. Exports to the United States fell by 11 per cent to 456,507 cars, while those of Europe dropped 5.3 per cent to 186,000 cars, he said.

### Japanese market

Many companies have raised export prices, moved production overseas, encouraged the early retirement of senior employees, reduced order prices to smaller contractors and limited overtime work.

Japan's direct overseas investment is expected to exceed \$30 billion in this financial year against a record \$22 billion the previous year, according to a survey by a semi-official trade organisation.

One electronics parts manufacturer in Hokkaido, northern Japan, for example, now sells only 35 per cent of its output overseas compared with 78 per cent in late 1985.

The company, Hokuto Electronics, used to mainly produce cathode ray tubes, but it now makes electronics parts for popular Japanese-language word processors, an official said.

## Economy poised for growth

# Japanese firms could survive another yen rise

TOKYO, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Japanese companies should be able to survive another rise in the value of the yen thanks to the thorough re-structuring they have undergone to handle the currency's rise in the past two years, economists say.

The success with which Japan's economy has adapted to the soaring yen in the past two years has demonstrated its strength and apparently endless adaptability.

And economists here say that while the dollar-yen looks like stabilising around 130 yen for a while, the dollar is poised to continue its gradual fall over the long-term due to persistently huge US trade deficits.

Even if the yen does rise further, making Japan's exports increasingly expensive on world markets, Japanese firms should be able to survive because of the thorough re-structuring they

have undergone in the past couple of years, they said.

"I believe that Japan can survive another rise of the yen if its pace is gradual," said Kenji Mizutani, chief economist at Tokai Bank.

Kiekiichi Honda, chief economist at the Bank of Tokyo, agreed. "Japanese business can be stamped upon, but it will always survive," he said. Despite their long-term bearishness toward the dollar, economists believe its fall will not be rapid because the central banks of major nations have indicated their willingness to aggressively intervene in the markets.

**Rise**  
The yen's more than 80 per cent rise against the US dollar since 1985 is generally believed by economists to have been the hardest blow to the Japanese economy since the oil shocks of the 1970s.

It did hurt the economy, cutting into the sales and profits of Japanese exporters and slowing economic growth to a virtual halt in the April-June quarter of 1987. Unemployment rose to a record 3.2 per cent in May, 1987.

But the economy began to recover in mid-1987, to the point where the Japan economy is forecast to grow 3.8 per cent in the next financial year beginning April 1 after an estimated 3.7 per cent growth this year, respectable figures by international standards.

"The miraculous economic performance in the past two years demonstrated the soundness of the Japanese management system," said Tokai Bank's Mizutani.

Economists attribute the success to corporate efforts to cut production costs and a shift away from export-dependence to a greater emphasis on selling to the

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1/0	NAT INTERG	17/5	17/4	SF 5TH PAC	21/7	45/5
3/4	NRI CORP	4/0	4/0	STANLEY	36/0	36/0

32/6	NCR CORP	61/7	61/3	SHELL OIL	55/7	55/7
32/6	NOR ENG EL	24/0	23/7	SHER PLAX	29/0	29/2
3/7	NEW PLA RE	14/2	14/2	SHERM-WILL	49/0	49/0
8/6	NEVELL CO	37/1	37/1	SINGER CO	6/6	6/6
8/4	NEWMONT M	33/5	33/4	SMITH INT	57/6	57/4
29/2	NEWMONT GLD	34/6	34/4	SMITHK BEC	37/0	37/0
50/3	NICOR INC	26/2	26/1	SOMY CP	36/2	36/2
14/7	NL INDS	6/2	6/1	SOURCE CAP	23/3	23/4
7/1	NOBLE AFF	13/3	13/2	SOUTHERN	14/3	14/2
7/2	NORD RESOU	7/4	7/3	SPEERY CP	53/1	53/1
4/7	NORTHROP	29/3	29/3	SQUARE D	65/7	65/6
36/6	NORTON	43/4	43/4	SQUIBB		
1/1	NOVO INC	27/2	27/1	STALEY AE	89/1	89/0
3/3	NUCOR CORP	39/0	38/6	STERIL DRUG	55/5	55/4
1/6	OAK INDS	1/0	1/0	SUN CO INC	45/6	45/3
9/6	OCCIDENTAL	26/7	26/7	SUNSHINE M	3/7	3/7
3/4	OCEAN DRIL	19/4	19/2	SUPER VAL	18/7	19/0
9/5	ODGEN CORP	29/5	29/5	SUN AIRLINE	15/5	15/3
0/5	OH ED CO	19/6	19/7	SUN GAS	22/2	22/2
26/7	OHIO MATT	15/7	15/6	SUN BELL	38/1	38/0
3/3	OLIN CORP	47/5	47/4	TANDY CORP	29/0	29/7
9/3	OMNICARE	6/5	6/4	TECO ENERG	24/1	23/7
3/2	ORION PICT	17/6	17/6	TEKTRONIX	24/0	24/1
9/1	PAINE WE	16/7	16/6	TELEPHONE	329/6	329/6
3/3	PAN AM W A	2/6	2/7	TELEX CORP	49/2	49/0
30/2	PANHANDLE	26/1	25/7	TERADYNE	0	13/0
10/5	PARKER ELEC	3/4	3/4	TESORO PET	10/0	10/1
5/6	PARKER DIR	36/0	35/4	TEX AMER B	4/0	4/0
9/2	PATRYCK CSH	4/4	4/3	TEX EAS TR	25/5	25/5
4/5	PATYSS CBH	13/1	13/0	TEXACO INC	39/4	39/2
2/5	PULFLO INCO	5/4	5/3	TEXAS IND	32/0	31/4
9/6	PC INDUS-96	0	90/0	TEXAS INST	49/0	48/6
2/3	PEMIN CENT	42/7	42/7	TEXTRON	23/0	23/2
9/3	PENNEY JC	46/0	45/4	TIGERWAT	6/6	6/5
2/4	PERKZOL	66/6	66/6	TIGER INT	10/7	10/7
3/4	PEOPLES EN	18/3	18/2	TIME INCOR	89/4	89/6
8/8	PEPSICO	35/4	35/2	TIMKEN	63/0	63/2
0/5	PERKIN-ELM	27/0	26/6	TORCHMARK	28/0	27/7
6/2	PFIZER	52/4	52/3	TOSCO CORP	2/1	2/1
9/0	PHLEPS DOD	41/4	40/2	TOYS R US	32/4	32/0
6/0	PHILIP MOR	89/6	90/5	TRANSCAMER	33/7	34/2
7/0	PHILLIPS PE	14/3	14/2	TRANSCO EN	27/4	27/2
5/5	PILLSBURY	35/0	34/4	TRANSCO EN	24/1	24/2
4/6	PINNACLE W	28/1	28/1	TRANSCO EX	7/2	7/2
5/6	PITN-BOWES	42/0	42/0	TRAVELLERS	38/0	37/7
1/3	PITTSO	10/5	10/5	TRINITY INC	26/2	26/3
3/5	PNC FINANC	41/5	41/5	TV CORP	16/7	16/7
9/0	POLAROID	27/6	27/7	TWA	22/5	22/3
3/5	PRIME COMP	18/0	17/7	U PACIFIC	58/8	58/1
1/7	PRIME INNS	36/2	36/3	UTO BRAND	45/6	45/4
2/5	PRIMERICA	27/6	28/2	UTO TECH	37/5	37/4
2/3	PROCTER GM	84/4	84/6	UNILEVER	59/1	59/1
0/0	PUEBLO INT	24/7	24/7	UNION CAMP	34/4	34/4
0/0	PUGET SP-L	19/7	19/6	UNION CARB	23/0	23/0
6/2	PULTE HOME	8/6	8/7	US SHOE	16/7	16/6
6/6	QUAKER OAT	44/2	44/0	USK CORP	31/2	31/0
5/5	QUAKER COR	18/7	18/7	US WEST	54/4	54/1
15/5	QUANTUM CH	75/6	75/4	USAIR GRP	36/2	36/1
0/0	RALS PURIN	71/4	71/2	VALERO EN	4/5	4/4
7/4	RAMADA INN	6/2	6/2	VALLEY IND	2/2	2/3
5/0	RANGER OIL	5/1	5/1	VARCO INTL	4/5	4/5
2/3	REARSON	19/0	19/0	VARIAN ASE	28/3	28/3

0/4	RAYMARK	1/6	1/5	# UNION	3/1	3/1
0/5	RAYTHEON	69/0	69/2	W PNT PEPP	30/0	30/1
3/6	TECH. DATA	1/2	1/2	MAINE CO.	5/2	6/2

6/1	REYNAL	12	11	WALSH	31/0	31/0
6/1	REYNAL	43/2	43/1	WALSH	32/1	32/5
6/1	RJH NABISC	19/1	48/7	WALGREEN	27/7	37/5
6/2	ROCKIES G-E	16/7	17/0	WARNER COM	31/0	30/6
6/2	ROCKAWAY C	8/1	8/1	WARNER LAM	77/4	77/3
7/1	ROCKWELL	18/3	18/2	WASTE MAN	34/6	35/0
7/1	ROHR INDS	22/2	22/0	WASH GAS L	23/6	23/5
7/3	ROLLINS EN	21/3	21/4	WENDY INTL	6/6	6/7
7/3	ROLLINS IN	15/5	15/6	WEST CO	17/2	17/3
7/3	ROPER CORP	19/1	18/7	WEST FIRST	51/0	50/2
7/3	ROPER CORP	50/0	50/0	WILLIAMS C	20/0	20/0
7/3	ROMAN COMP	6/7	6/7	WILLIAMS E	4/6	4/5
7/3	ROYL DUTCH	112/4	112/5	WINNEBAGO	8/3	8/2
5/4	RYDER SYST	28/6	28/0	WINN-DIXIE	42/6	42/4

9/5	S DIEG G-E	32/4	32/4	WORLD CORP	7/1	7/0
9/6	SABINE	15/2	15/2	WRIGLEY	72/6	72/4

7/6	SALORIN	20/3	20/5	WYLE LABS	9/4	9/5
7/1	SARA LEE	40/1	39/7	XEROX CP	57/4	57/0
3/2	SCHLUMBER	34/7	34/7	XTRA INC	30/4	30/0
9/1	SCOTT PPR	71/2	70/5	ZAPATA	3/1	3/1
5/7	SCOTTYS	14/0	14/0	ZAYNE CORP	19/0	19/1
1/1	SE BANK CO	25/2	23/5	ZENITH EL	16/0	15/7
2/4	SEAGRAN CO	55/4	55/5	ZERO	15/4	15/4
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Dow Jones Plus Indices				
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,011.94	+ 5.97	2,018.07	2,005.14
TRANS	800.12	+ 8.98	825.62	797.15
UTILS	183.68	- 0.17	184.74	183.68
STOCKS	748.15	+ 3.39	754.24	746.77
NYSE COMP	146.26	+ 0.30		
S-P COMPOSITE	260.35	+ 0.53		
NYSE INDS	175.54	+ 0.55		
AMEX INDEX	279.90	+ 0.97		
NASD COMP	356.25	+ 1.49		
NASD BANKING	436.59	+ 0.36		
NASD FIN'L	445.63	+ 0.42		
NASD INDS	358.95	+ 2.40		
S-P 100 INDEX	248.52	+ 0.71		

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T VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
1/2	+	1/8		DOME PETE	15/16		UNCH
3/8	+	1/8		KENAI CORP	1/32		UNCH
1/8	+	5/8		ANDRAHL CP	3/4	5/8	+
	+	1/2		BERGON BR A	23	1/2	+
	+	3/4		ECHO BAY	19	7/8	+
1/8	+	3/8		HORN+HARD	9		+
1/2	+	3/2		TEXAS ATR	10	1/8	+
7/8	+	1/4		NY TIMES A	30	1/8	+

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CENT CHANGE	ANEX LARGEST	PER CENT CHANGE
+ 1/4	TRANSCO R	11 1/2
1/8 + 1 5/8	GN UNIT	69 3/4
1/4 + 1 3/4	MOOG INC B	13 1/4
1/2 - 3	IDENTIX	2 1/4
3/4 - 1/4	KEY CO B	2 1/4
90,242,700	ANEX VOLUME	6,239,760
746	STOCKS UP	246
455	STOCKS DOWN	180
VOLUME 105,059,700		
DOWN 1051		

**FOIA**

Wall Street stocks held most of their morning gains at midday. **Wal-Mart** was no longer advancing and blue chips were beneath their record highs. **Apple** had light volume on gains yesterday and today showed a lack of interest. **Amazon** market would go much higher. **Google** was up five points at 2011 but hit an earlier high of 2018. Gainers included **Microsoft** and **Facebook** both up two-to-one after leading by three-to-one earlier. **Home Depot** and **Target** fell 3-1/4 to 66 1/2. The company rejected a bid by **Campeau** at 66 dls a shr.

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## International Bond Highlights

London — British Airways Plc chairman Lord King said the company was in the process of arranging a 250 mln dir, 12-year floating rate note private placement to Japanese investors to be swapped into a fixed rate dollar bond. (RCMC 1041)

Zurich — The Kingdom of Sweden is launching a 200 mln Swiss franc, 20 year, five pct bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTWV 1437)

London — Leeds Permanent Building Society is issuing a 100 mln stg par priced floating rate note due October 1994, paying an initial 1/8 pct over three month London interbank offered rate, lead manager Baring Brothers and Co Ltd said. (RCMD 1105)

Zurich — Spanish utility Union Electrica Ferrosa SA is launching 150 mln Swiss francs of six-year 4-3/4 pct bullet notes, issue priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RCMI 1008)

Zurich — The Canton of Zurich is launching a 10-year four pct bond of about 150 mln Swiss francs with price to be set at auction, lead manager Zurich Kantonalbank said. (RTXD 1526)

Zurich — Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical Co Ltd is issuing 70 mln Swiss francs of five-year convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1-1/8 pct and priced at par, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RCMJ 1010)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/2 1/4	8-3/4 5/8	9-5/16 3/16
FFT 3-35/45	3-25/35	3-30/40
PAR 7-3/16 1/4	7-5/16 7/16	7-1/2 5/8
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/8 1-3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4
BRX 4-25	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
ROM 10-10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
AMS 4-3/4 5-1/4	4-0 4-1/8	4-0 4-1/8
TOK 3-2500 3125	3-8125 8750	3-7500 8125
ECU 6.00 6.25	6.12 6.25	6.37 6.50

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-1/2	5
3 months	4-5/8	5-1/8
6 months	4-11/16	5-1/4
1 year	4-3/4	5-1/4

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	32.50	NADIKAL	---	---	---
ACC	159	159	159	GSFC	102	104	104	ORAY	23	23
AHMADVAD	---	---	---	GUJ PETRO	350	24	24	PREMAUTO	27	27
AHMADVAD 400	---	---	---	GUJ LORON	87	88	88	RAYMOND CO	27	27
AHMADVAD 400	9.50	9.50	9.50	HINDALCO	120	121	122	RAYMOND CO	47	46
AHMADVAD 400	143.75	142.50	142.50	HYD LAMPS	---	---	---	RELANCE	98	99
BAJAJ AUTO	420	421	421	IND ORG	18	18	18	SPIC	31.50	32
BAR RAYON	159	157.50	155	INDORAY	49.50	50	49.50	STD MILLS	240	250
BOM DYN	121	121	121	INDOROL	180	177.50	178	STH MEDICAL	---	14.50
BSE INDEX	423.92	419.14	419.14	ITC	32.50	32	32	STEELTUBE	---	10
CENTURYSPG	650	660	665	JK 120	---	---	---	TATA PNR	175	177
COLGATE	193.75	195	195	JK 120	---	---	---	TATACHEN	63	63.50
DEEPAK FERT	30	29.50	30.50	JKSYNTH	52	52.50	52.50	TATADIL	73	73
DRACEMENT	---	---	---	L AND T	82	82.50	82.50	TELO	362.50	360
FICOM ORG	---	---	---	NAGANAHAR	---	---	---	UDATPHOSP	---	362.50
GARMUPOLY	77	77	77.50	MAHINDRA	56	56.50	56.50	VOLTAS	260	260

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	216.5
ALLIANZ VR	1390.0
BADENWERT	175.0
BASF	234.7
BAYER	256.0
BAYER HYP	344.0
BAYER VER	383.0
BBK	231.0
BHF	313.0
BHW	525.0
CEHLE-VER	0
COMMERZBANK	220.0
CONTI GUMM	210.8
DATMER BEN	664.5
DEUTSCH BANK	420.0
DLW	304.8
DRESNERB	238.0
DT BARCOCK	156.5
FAZ INDEX	442.45
GOLDSCHEID	231.0
GUTHOFF	0
HANSEATIC	385.0
HANSEATIC AG	250.0
HESCH	100.5
HORTEN	168.0
HUSSEL HALZ	405.0
KALI SALZ	123.5
KARSTADT	399.0
KARSTADT	365.8
KLOECK H	93.0
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	570.0
LUFTHANSA	142.0
MAN	158.0
MANNESMAN	123.0
MERCEDES	531.0
METALLGES	205.0
NIDORF PF	522.5
NORDRUF	44.80
PHILIP KOP	615.0
PORSCHE	429.0
PREUSSAG	117.5
PWA	191.0
RHEIN	216.0
RHEIN P	211.0
RHEINMETAL	245.0
SALAMANDER	262.0
SCHERING	435.0
SEL	314.0
SIEMENS	382.0
THYSEN	121.0
VARTA	234.5
VEBA	244.5
VEW	163.5
VOLKSWAGEN	239.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	13.60
CHENGLI	6.45
CHINA GAS	15.50
CHINA L-P	12.90
CHINA MOP	16.50
COSMO PROP	4.30
EVEREST IND	3.30
FAR EAST C	6.69
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	8.00
H S INDEX	0
HANG LUNG	4.30
HANG SENG	27.80
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.65
HK KOWLOON	5.85
HK LAND CO	7.10
HK SHAN BK	6.95
HK SHAN HT	3.72
HK TELE CO	7.30
HUTCH WHAN	7.10
IND EQ PAC	6.80
JARDINE M	10.30
KOWLOON M	10.40
NEW WORLD	8.00
PAUL Y CON	1.56
REALTY DEV	5.30
S H K CO	1.56
S H K PROP	8.35
SINE DARY	1.34
STELLUX MFG	5.00
SWIRE PAC	15.50
T V B CO	12.70
TAI CHEUNG	2.90
UNION BANK	1.62
WOCK HAD	0
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WORLD INTL	2.75

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER ON LATE REBOUND  
TOKYO, FEB 17 - SHARE PRICES LEAPT OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS IN LATE TRADING TO CLOSE HIGHER FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE SESSION ON OPTIMISM OVER THE DOLLAR'S STRENGTH AND WALL STREET'S OVERNIGHT RALLY, BROKERS SAID.  
THE NIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 84.29 POINTS TO END AT 24,429.95, JUST OFF A MORNING HIGH, AFTER EASING SLIGHTLY AT ONE POINT.  
ON TUESDAY THE AVERAGE ROSE 158.19. ADVANCES JUST LED DECLINES IN TURNOVER OF 700 MLN SHARES AGAINST 680 MLN ON TUESDAY.  
"BUYING IS MAINLY CENTERED ON STOCKS WHICH HAVE LAGGED THE MARKET'S ADVANCE OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS," SAID HIROYUKI WADA, MANAGER AT OKASAKI SECURITIES.  
TODAY'S 0.35 PCT RISE BRINGS THE INDEX TO ITS HIGHEST POINT SINCE THE CRASH ON OCTOBER 20. THE AVERAGE NOW STANDS 8.32 PCT OFF ITS PRE-CRASH RECORD SET ON OCTOBER 14.  
"THE MARKET LOOKS BASICALLY STRONG, INTEREST RATES ARE LOW, AND CONSUMER SPENDING IS BOOMING," SAID OKASAKI'S WADA.  
COMMUNICATIONS, BANK, CREDIT LEASE, SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY, AIRLINES, RUBBER, RETAIL, AND REAL ESTATE SHARES GAINED.  
BUT BROKERS SAID THE MARKET LACKS FRESH REASONS TO BUY STOCKS, AND CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON ISSUES, LIKE NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE, WHICH HAVE LAGGED BEHIND THE INDEX.  
NTT GAINED 50,000 YEN TO 2.36 MLN. TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER JUMPED 210 TO 5,440.  
BANKING SHARES HAVE ALSO TRAILED THE INDEX'S RECENT ADVANCE. THE LONG TERM CREDIT BANK OF JAPAN PUT ON 1,000 YEN TO 21,000. THE BANK OF TOKYO (BOT) DREW ADDED POPULARITY BECAUSE ITS MAJORITY OWNED CALIFORNIA FIRST BANK UNIT SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT ON TUESDAY TO BUY UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA FROM STANDARD CHARTERED PLC. BOT SHARES ROSE 70 YEN TO 1,520.  
DEPARTMENT STORE EQUITIES ROSE ON BALLOONING CONSUMER SPENDING AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE RISEN LESS THAN SUPERMARKET ISSUES, CONSIDERED ALMOST EQUIVALENT, BROKERS SAID.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, FEB 16 - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER IN THE HALF TRADING DAY, BUT VOLUME WAS THIN AHEAD OF THE THREE-DAY HOLIDAY, BROKERS SAID.  
THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 26.29 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,328.04 WHILE THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 17.02 POINTS TO 1,521.85. BUT TURNOVER WAS A MEAGER 279.35 MLN H.K. DLRS, AGAINST 408.90 MLN ON MONDAY.  
BROKERS SAID SENTIMENT HAD IMPROVED FOLLOWING A CONTINUED RALLY FOR THE LAST FIVE DAYS, AS THE HANG SENG INDEX GAINED A TOTAL OF 105 POINTS.

## AMMAN

AL HIMME MINERALS	OPNG	CLSG
AL-HISER EXCHANGE	0.79	0.79
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.36	1.36
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.98	1.96
ARAB BANK	120.0	119.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.50	4.45
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	1.00
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	---	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.95	0.96
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.09	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.36	0.38
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.16	2.16
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	16.40	16.40
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.44	0.43
JOR INTER. HOTELS	1.58	1.57
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.44	0.45
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.63	0.62
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.63	0.63
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30
GENERAL MINING	1.50	1.50
HOLY LAND INS	1.15	1.20
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.75	0.74
INDUSTRIAL DEVELP BAK	1.30	1.29
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	1.51	1.50
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---
INTERMED/PETRO/CH	1.45	1.47
INTERN. CO/INV	0.64	0.64
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.97	0.98
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
JERUSALEM INS.	1.28	1.28
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.50	13.50
JOR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.06	1.05
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.15	1.20
JOR EAGLE INS	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.48	1.47
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.21	1.21
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.05	1.04
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.80	1.74
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LINE AND BRICK	0.21	0.21
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	---	---
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.43	2.43
JOR PAPER CARD/BROG	3.05	3.10
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.40	2.39
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.26	1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.15	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00	3.65
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.68	0.69
JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.91	0.91
JOR TIMBER PROCES.	0.17	0.17
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.31	1.30
JOR WORSTED HILL	4.50	4.50
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.14	7.14
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.90	5.43
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.89	1.87
JOR. KAW. CO. AGRE.	1.00	1.00
JORDAN BREWERY	3.65	3.65
JORDAN DAIRY	1.02	1.02
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.18	1.17
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.93	0.95
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.33	0.33
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	1.85	1.84
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.64	1.63
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72	0.72
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.80	0.80
MAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.50	1.50
MAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.00	1.02
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.30	1.28
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.50
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.78	0.78
NATIONAL STEEL	2.70	2.69
NATL SHIPPING LINE	0.91	0.88
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.05	2.05
PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.69	0.71
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.72	0.69
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.45	0.44
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.94	0.94
THE HOUSING BANK	1.59	1.59
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.99	1.97
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.74	0.74
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.92	0.86
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	STOCK	BUY	SELL	BC-A	72.50	72.50
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	50	51
AC-A	8.60	8.60	8.70	LC-B	54	55
ANSCOR	4.80	4.70	4.80	PK-A	39	40
FER	2.44	2.44	2.48	PK-B	40	40
GLO	31.50	32.00	---	---	---	---
PLDT	148.00	146.00	147.00	BP-A	0.16	0.16
PTC	21.00	---	---	BP-B	0.16	0.17
SNC-A	121.00	121.00	122.00	LRC-A	0.03	0.03
SNC-B	133.00	132.00	---	LRC-B	0.03	0.03
MINING	---	---	---	OPN-A	0.04	0.04
APX-A	0.038	0.038	0.039	OPN-B	0.04	0.04
APX-B	0.039	0.04	0.04	OV-A	0.04	0.04
AT-A	24.50	24.25	24.50	OV-B	0.04	0.04

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	336,670	9,951,220	750.99	3.44	D
MINING	109,928,500	8,703,450	5,285.78	0.256	D
OIL	152,250,000	4,460,800	6,442	0.170	W
TOTAL	232,517,170	23,115,470	807.34	20.65	N

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	STOCK	BUY	SELL	BC-A	73.00	73.00
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	50	51
SNC-A	120.00	120.00	121.00	LC-B	55	55
ANSCOR	4.80	4.75	4.80	PK-A	40	40
AC-A	8.60	8.60	8.70	PK-B	40	40
FER-A	2.44	2.44	2.48	---	---	---
FER-B	2.40	2.40	2.40	---	---	---
GLO	31.50	31.50	32.00	BP-A	0.16	0.16
PLDT	147.00	147.00	148.00	BP-B	0.16	0.17
SDITRE	25.50	24.00	25.50	OPN-A	0.04	0.04
MINING	---	---	---	OPN-B	0.04	0.04
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	OV-A	0.04	0.04
APX-A	0.038	0.038	0.039	OV-B	0.04	0.04
APX-B	0.04	0.039	0.04	SPN-A	0.02	0.02
AT-A	24.50	24.25	24.50	SPN-B	0.02	0.02
AT-B	25.00	25.00	25.00	TA	0.02	0.02

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	424,880	6,213,080	735.13	D	9.90
MINING	213,488,800	17,982,450	4,890.63	D	38.82
OILS	286,450,000	8,432,650	6.804	W	0.090
TOTAL	500,363,680	32,628,180	798.49	N	9.42

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	GS	98	99	L.K. NGAM	70.5	69
AJINOMOTO	285	285	GUINNESS	251	248	N GLASS	180	182
ALEXANDRA	170	170	GULA	-----	-----	N TIN PRT	40.5	40.5
ANAL IND	112	112	H K T IN	90	90	N UTD HFG	154	152
AMB HLDGS	185	170	H L IND.	116	115	N UTD MFG	65	64
AMCOL	123	122	H TAI PAN	55	55	M'SHITA	185	480
ASA TOS	142	142	HARIKUA	84	84	M'WATA	60	60
AS C & C	198	199	HAM PAR	285	285	WAGNUM	196	200
CARLBERG	555	555	HEKZA	100	96.5	MALEX IND	47	380
COLD STOR	366	366	HIND HTOL	30	30	MARCOPOLO	78.5	78
DAYPAI	87	87	HTL M'SGAR	560	560	NCB HLDGS	368	85
DEKOR	460	460	HTL NEGIA	350	350	METRO	550	555
DELUCHIBAY	77	77.5	HTL PROPS	80	79	NINEBEA	318	126
DELUCHIBAY	450	450	HTL ROTAL	109	109	MULPHALTD	36	36
DESSO. ORD	344	344	HUME IND	158	158	MURATA500		
DI YUAN S.	195	195	INSAS	23	23	MURATA500		
EVERPEACE			INT WOOD	209	209	N ST TIME	280	283
AS C & B	60	60	INTRACD	207	207	QUE	330	322
E ASSET	60	60	ISETAN	500	492	QUS	117	117
E SHIP	207	206	J SHYPARD	207	202	R D C	188	186
GAH ORD	790	785	JC-PH	67		S FODDER	50	50
GREEN CABLE			JOHAN HDG	39.5		S JOKORE		
FEED FIBER	560	560	K G HLDGS	115		SAMANDA	100	100
I HLDGS	-----	-----	K KELLAS	283		SAN HLDGS		
I LUMBER	95.5	92	K L IND	32				
ANDANA HDG	31.5	31.5	KE SANG	120	120	SANTO	204	204
ANON CORP	68	68.5	KECK SENG	152	152	SATERAS	43	43
APENTING	394	390	KENTUCKY	212	211	SEAVIEW	164	164
AULD COIN	180	180	KEPPEL	208	205	SHELL ORD	438	438
WOODHOM	1050	1050	K FOUNTING	225	225	SIM LIM	65	64
ANDAN CEN	93	93	KIAN JOO	84	84	SOUTH (M)	85	85
			KINGS JTL	130	130	TIME ENG	155	155



## UK trade team for Kuwait

A BRITISH trade mission arrives in Kuwait tomorrow, and will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel until February 22. The mission is being organised by the Kent and Sussex Exporters' Club.

Fifteen British companies are participating in this trade mission. Some have visited Kuwait earlier.

Many of the companies are involved in the industrial sector: making corrosion control systems, electrical equipment, protective clothing, oil industry supplies, automobile parts, and fire fighting equipment.

The consumer goods sector is also well-represented: leather goods, furniture, blankets, and promotional items are amongst the products.

The services or "invisible" sector is playing an increasing role in British trade: the mission reflects this with representatives from an aircraft and motor engineering college, an Arab/Islamic art consultant, an interior design expert, and a transportation/sourcing office.

The last product represented is difficult to classify, but is certainly not "invisible" — bagpipes, whose representative is Sir Patrick Grant.

Further details are available from the British Embassy Commercial Section Telephone 2439220/1/2/4.

## S.Korea boosts fee on imported crude

SEOUL, Feb 17, (Opecna): The South Korean government will as from today increase the fee on imported crude to \$6.48 a barrel from the previous level of \$4.66, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

The government first levied fees on imported oil in 1979 to raise money for the petroleum business fund, set up to finance South Korean overseas oil ventures.

The fund has since enabled the Korean Oil Development Company (Kodeco) to conduct oil exploration and development activities in the offshore west Madura field in Opec member Indonesia.

## UK shares firm as dollar ends steady

LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): London shares firmed and most European bourses ended higher today, but trading was light and investors seemed unwilling to put much money in any financial markets, dealers said.

The dollar held steady, to close at 1.7060 West German marks and 130.25 yen. It traded at \$1.7485 to the pound sterling. Gold was fixed in London at \$445.60 an ounce, up 60 cents.

### Investors

London's FTSE 100-share index rose 13.5 points to 1,748.1, but dealers said much of the gain was due to investors switching shares in their portfolios, with little new buying going on.

Despite Tuesday's news of a settlement in the Ford Motor Co strike which has shut down

Britain's largest car-maker, many investors are worried about labour unrest, dealers said. Others are concerned that wage demands now will trigger inflation.

### Bids

"Ford started the industrial unrest ball rolling about 10 years ago, and given the fact that the unions appear to have won (now), it could well mean an escalation of unrest elsewhere," one dealer said.

He said some investors may be uncomfortably reminded of the "winter of discontent" in 1979, when a series of strikes swept Britain, and eventually helped bring down the government of Prime Minister James Callaghan.

In Paris and Amsterdam,

meanwhile, investors bet that more takeover bids were in the works and they snapped up shares of firms they thought are likely candidates.

The Paris bourse indicator rose 1.42 per cent, while Amsterdam's CBS All-Share index rose 0.5 points to 76.6.

In Frankfurt, the Faz index fell 0.91 points to 442.45 having climbed strongly earlier this week.

"It was not a setback but a welcome and necessary technical correction," a Frankfurt dealer said.

In Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index gained 6.5 points to 821.9, while Milan's MIB index was up 2.2 per cent. Madrid rose.

Norwegian and Finnish shares were up, but Swedish shares closed lower.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices

firmed slightly on international spot markets today, but actively remained at a very low ebb, traders and brokers said.

The Institute of Petroleum Week in London, when traders from around the world meet for a round of social events including the institute's annual dinner, continued to restrict trading.

Despite the firmer trend, in the background good supplies of physical crude continues to lend the market a bearish undertone.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent, the most widely traded international crude, was 15 cents higher at \$16.85 a barrel. Dubai, the key Middle East grade, was up 15 cents at \$15.15. The benchmark US crude, West Texas Intermediate, was 20 cents higher than Friday, at \$16.70.

## Arabs keen to invest in Indian projects

NEW DELHI, Feb 17, (Kuna): Arab businessmen have expressed interest to invest in various industrial sectors, hotel industry, software and engineering, in India.

A 13-member economic delegation, which included six traders and industrialists from Kuwait held a series of talks with the Indian public and private sector officials for exploring possibilities of cooperation for setting up joint venture in third countries.

The delegation, led by Nabeel Shaath, had a detailed discussion with the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (Ficci) here in this regard yesterday.

The members of the team said that India's expertise in machinery manufacture, technology, mining, and hotel management could be of immense use for Arab countries. They expressed willingness to set up joint ventures in software and indicated the possibility of cooperation in hardware also. Other areas of cooperation are crude and petroleum products.

### Exploration

India could help Arab countries in exploration and drilling programme. Several Indian oil and natural gas experts are already engaged in oil exploration programmes in North Yemen, which has started explor-

ing crude from November last year.

The economic delegation met Industry Minister Vengal Rao and Programme Implementation Minister Shiv Shankar and discussed measures to promote two-way trade between Arab nations and India.

In 1986-87 India exported goods worth \$1 billion to the Arab world and imported crude and petroleum products worth \$2.6 billion from them.

Dr Nabeel Shaath said that "we want economic partners, who do not seek hegemony over us." In this regard India could be one of the best economic partners, to give help in the developmental process of the Arab world. There are already over one million Indians working in the Arab world, now there is a need to get technical know-how and expertise from India.

### Revolution

He said India was witnessing an electronic revolution and India's growing sophistication in industry, technology and frontier areas offer vast opportunities to Arab countries to take advantage through collaboration and joint ventures.

Dr Shaath said the recent crash in world stock markets has caused heavy loss to the Arab countries which had invested billions of dollars in Western nations.

## Kuwait Fund and Cyprus sign loan agreement

A LOAN agreement was signed in Nicosia between the Republic of Cyprus and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, whereby the fund will give a loan of KD 4,300,000 to help finance southern conveyor project for water resources development (phase 2), a fund release in Kuwait said yesterday.

The loan agreement was signed last February 12 on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus by Christos Mavrellis, Minister of Finance and on behalf of the fund by Abdul Wahab Ahmed Al Bader, deputy director general for operations of the Kuwait Fund.

The project aims to maintain and develop irrigated agriculture in the Kokkinokhorra project area by enhancing the water supply made available under phase 1 of the project and the prevention of sea water intrusion into the aquifer. The project also provides irrigation water to 4,300 hectares of agricultural lands in addition to supplementing existing potable water supplies for the cities of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and rural areas, the release added.

### Project

The project consists of diversion structures to transfer water from Dhiarizos river through a tunnel about 16 km long and construction of irrigation networks for about 4300 hectares of agricultural lands. Components

include two water treatment plants, a 36 km long pipeline to convey potable water to the capital Nicosia in addition to the provision of water for 20 villages.

The project includes the provision of consulting and technical services, and equipment for project operation, the Kfaed added.

Total cost of the project is estimated at KD 47.1 million of which 9 per cent will be covered in full by the fund loan, the release added that execution of the integrated project commenced in 1984 and is expected to be completed in 1993.

## Dutch auditors to visit Caracas

CARACAS, Feb 17, (Opecna): A three-member team from the Dutch auditing firm Klynveld Kraayenhof (KKC) is scheduled to arrive here for a one-week visit to collect data and information on Venezuela's oil production.

Dr Mario Rodriguez, director for commercial affairs of Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state petroleum company, told Opecna today that the team will begin their work on Monday with a meeting with petroleum officials at the company's headquarters.

The group will then visit three main oil exports terminals he said.

## Societe Generale shares soar

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 17, (AP): The share price of Societe Generale de Belgique sa rose 580 francs (\$16.57) to 4,730 francs (\$135.14) yesterday as Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti launched his long-awaited bid to take control of Belgium's largest holding.

But De Benedetti acted with little apparent enthusiasm, according to dealers who said the Italian appeared not to improve his offer of 4,000 francs (\$114.29) per share.

With the market price far above that, the president of Olivetti Spa seemed to wait for the price to fall before raising his stake, they said.

De Benedetti's offer of \$114.29 runs through March 4.

He has said he already controls 38 per cent of Societe Generale and wants to buy 15 per cent more.

### Loss

Yesterday's gain nearly wiped out the 700-franc (\$20) loss Societe Generale posted last Friday.

The share price hit a record 4,850 francs (\$138.57) last Thursday.

A total of 278,000 Societe Gen-

erale shares were traded on the Brussels stock exchange on Monday, a sizeable volume by Belgian standards but well down from last week's levels when the battle for control of Societe Generale was in full swing.

Trading totaled 1.4 million shares last Tuesday, 845,000 shares on Wednesday and 527,000 shares on Thursday.

### Trading

Dealers reported no significant trading in Societe Generale off the exchange.

Last Friday, a group of mostly Belgian investors failed to agree with France's Compagnie Financiere de Suez to keep the company anchored in Belgium.

This forced Belgian industrialist Andre Leysen, head of the Gevaert NV Holding, to quit as the group's spokesman, strengthening De Benedetti's hand.

De Benedetti is seeking to run the day-to-day affairs of Societe Generale which controls a third of the Belgian economy. He wants to turn the company into a pan-European holding enterprise.

Last weekend was awash with rumours of possible successors to Leysen to keep Societe Generale

essentially Belgian.

Yet one presumed candidate, Albert Frere of the financial group Bruxelles Lambert, has denied he was a candidate.

### Courage

"I am really not interested to succeed Leysen, whose courage I admire," he said.

Economic Affairs Minister Philippe Maystadt said on the weekend "vital sectors" of the economy which are controlled by Societe Generale, would still be subject to a government veto, whoever has a majority in the company.

"Above and beyond all the financial games, we must return to the essential point for Belgian control," said Maystadt.

In recent weeks, trading off the Brussels exchange often dwarfed official trading with anonymous buyers paying premium rates for Societe Generale shares. Last Thursday, the unofficial share price rose as high as 5,300 francs (\$151.42).

Traders said it was hard to say who bought Societe Generale shares on the market on Monday but said any of a number of Belgian or French companies may have sought to boost their stakes.

## US housing starts drop and industrial output up

WASHINGTON, Feb 17, (Reuters): US housing starts in January fell to the lowest level in more than five years, but the industrial sector of the economy continued to expand, the government said today.

Housing starts fell 1.9 per cent last month to an annual rate of 1,377 billion units, the lowest level since December 1982, according to the Commerce Department.

The fall, which followed a steep 15.5 per cent drop in December, confounded economists' expectations of a modest rebound to about 1.45 billion.

Industrial production, meanwhile, rose 0.2 per cent in January after growing by 0.4 per cent in December and November, the Federal Reserve Board said.

### Forecasts

The increase was in line with the forecasts of most economists, who said the industrial sector is riding the crest of an export boom caused by the cheap dollar.

Taken together, today's data provided evidence that the long-

awaited shift in the composition of economic growth away from domestic consumption and toward exports, needed to reduce America's huge trade deficit, is now well under way, economists said.

If the transformation continued at the current pace, economists said the economy would probably avoid a recession this election year.

But they said clouds were gathering over the housing industry.

### Experts

Most building experts had dismissed December's decline in housing starts, the steepest monthly fall in three years, as an aberration rather than the harbinger of a depression in the housing industry.

But today's report brought more gloomy news. Building permits, a barometer of future building activity, fell 8.2 per cent last month to an annual rate of 1.25 million after a 7.4 per cent decline in December to 1,361,000.

## Saudis realised \$2b from non-oil exports

DAMMAM, Feb 17, (Opecna): Saudi Arabia realised \$2.18 billion last year from its non-oil exports, Commerce Minister for Sulaiman Al Sulaim said here yesterday.

Addressing the opening session of the Saudi Arabian export development symposium, he noted that increasing importance was being given by the government to the commercial sector in order to expand the country's economic base as part of a drive to lessen dependence on oil.

The meeting is organised by the eastern province's Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Saudi Export Development Centre and the Saudi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Participants at the meeting, comprising businessmen and government officials, will discuss the country's export drive, including the trade financing programme of the Islamic Development Bank and the role of the Saudi National Committee for Trade Financing.

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One of the world's largest manufacturer of Point-of-Sales (POS) machines would like the general public in Kuwait to know that it has ceased dealership/relations with Kuwait Computer Services from 30th June, 1987.

Sole dealership of DTS machines in Kuwait has been awarded to ALMOAYYED INTERNATIONAL GROUP who will directly market and provide support services for our machines from their soon to open office in Kuwait.

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## Dear Junior Readers,

Have you ever heard your teacher say that you have a "good attitude" toward school? Or maybe you have heard someone say that a person has a "bad attitude."

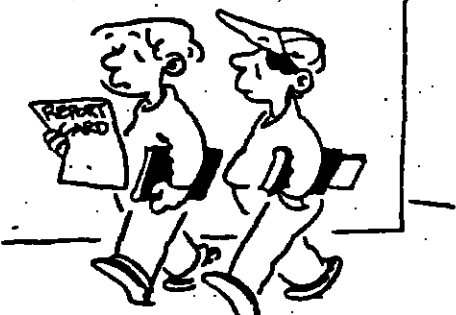
Attitude has to do with the way we feel and think about situations and determines how we act. There is always more than one way to look at something and we focus on the good or the bad things depending on our attitude.

When you have a positive attitude toward school, you approach your lessons confidently and enthusiastically. With this attitude you are eager to try and learn the things the teacher presents.

You can develop a positive attitude toward school, your teachers and classmates by thinking about the good things that happen in school and the things you like about your teachers and friends.

When you go to school try to think of the good things about school and you will be surprised at how much happier your day is.

Aunt Barbara



"The problem with these average report cards is, it's hard to get them funded."

## The silver screen

Alfie	Double Indemnity	My Fair Lady
Annie Hall	Gandhi	Ninotchka
Bambi	Genevieve	On the Waterfront
Ben Hur	Gigi	Planet of the Apes
Bicycle Thieves	Gone With The Wind	Psycho
Brief Encounter	Goodbye Mr Chips	Ryan's Daughter
Calamity Jane	High Noon	Saturday Night
Chariots of Fire	Jaws	Fever
City Lights	Jour de Fete	Shane
Dangerous	Key Largo	Spellbound
Moonlight	Lost Horizon	Top Hat
Battleship Potemkin		Zorba the Greek

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## The nutcracker

Here I see you've nuts in plenty.

If I bite and crack you twenty.

Will you give me for my trouble

Some of them for me to nibble?

'Yes,' cried the boys.

'You can share them with us!'

The little man stepped up to them and sang:

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

Lift up the plait behind my back.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

Between my teeth the nuts must stick.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

Pull down the plait behind my back.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

And that, you'll find, will do the trick.

They did just as he told them, and they laughed

each time they took hold of the little man by his long

stiff plait, heard the sharp crack! and saw the nut spr-

ing out of his mouth.

Soon all the nuts were cracked and the little man sang.

The nutcracker grew angry, and sang:

'Did we not agree, That some were for me? If you eat them instead, I'll bite off your head!'

The wicked boy laughed at this. 'Bite off my head?' he said. 'You had better be going, or I'll give you a crack with my stick!'

And he threatened the nutcracker with the stick he had been using to knock the hazel nuts down. The nutcracker turned purple with rage. He reached behind him and lifted up his own long stiff plait — crack! crack! The nutcracker's teeth snapped together, and the wicked boy's head was gone.

That is the story of the first nutcracker. His children and his grandchildren will do the same to your fingers, if you don't take care.

The little man began to sing again:

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

Cracking through the woods I go!

Nuts of every shape and size,

Nuts for biting, nuts for munching,

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Crack!

Cracking through the woods I go!

The two boys could hardly help bursting into laughter at the strange little creature, whom they took to be a woodland dwarf.

'If you want nuts to crack,' they called to him, 'come and crack these for us, so that we can eat them.'

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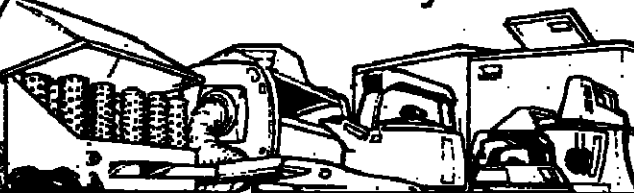
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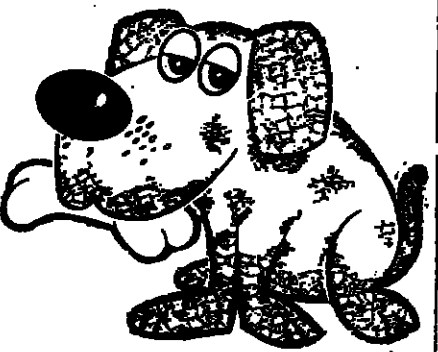
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## SWISS WINS DOWNHILL IN MEN'S COMBINED

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## Zurbriggen on way to second gold medal

MOUNTALLAN, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen took a major step toward his second Olympic gold medal yesterday by winning the downhill portion of the men's combined by nearly a half-second.

Results of the downhill will be coupled with those of a slalom today to determine a combined champion.

The combined is returning to the Winter Olympics after a 40-year absence. Since 1982 the combined, with separate downhill and slalom races, has been contested in the World Alpine Championships.

**Timed**  
Zurbriggen, who overtook teammate Peter Mueller to win the regular men's downhill on Monday, was timed in 1 minute, 46.90 seconds in the combined race. It was held on the same course as Monday's race, but was shortened by moving the start down the hill by about 200 metres.

Franck Piccard of France, the bronze medalist in the regular downhill, was second in 1:47.38, and Felix Belczyk of Canada was third in 1:48.24.

Steven Lee of Australia was

tentatively listed in third place at 1:47.39, but he was later disqualified for missing a gate.

Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, one of the favourites for the combined title, did not start the downhill. The official reason for his absence was given as a sore elbow stemming from an injury in a downhill fall at Leukerbad, Switzerland, last month.

But the headstrong, sometimes Petulant Girardelli may have had another reason for not racing.

**Embroided**  
He reportedly is embroiled in a dispute with his ski manufacturer over preparation of his equipment for Monday's downhill.

His withdrawal may have given Zurbriggen clear sailing for the combined gold medal. Among world cup competitors this season, only Zurbriggen and Girardelli have finished in the top five in both a downhill and slalom.

Girardelli does plan to ski in the super giant slalom on Sunday.

Three Austrians and a West German appear to have the only shots at denying Zurbriggen another gold medal. Hubert

Strolz was fifth in the downhill. Guenther Mader was 11th and Bernhard Gstrein was 15th. The three Austrians all are strong in slalom, which is Zurbriggen's weakest event.

West Germany's Markus Wasmeier, a solid all-around skier but a disappointment in slalom so far this season, stood eighth after the downhill.

"I didn't lose my concentration after yesterday's victory," Zurbriggen said at the finish line.

**Admit**

But he did admit to problems at the start of his run.

"My line was too straight through the gates. That's why I entered the first curve too low. My left knee banged into my chin and hurt my front tooth. I also hurt my finger on my left hand when it hit the snow."

Asked about his prospects in the slalom, an event in which he hasn't won in two seasons, he said, "slalom is very hard for me. There are a lot of guys in the combined who are specialists in slalom."

Asked how much slalom training he has done, he said, "at the beginning of the year, I did a lot, but not lately."

Both Piccard and Belczyk dis-



Zurbriggen files past a gate during men's combined downhill race. (Reuter wirephoto)

missed their chances in the slalom.

"I'm a downhiller, so it's today that I had to build up an advantage for tomorrow," Piccard said.

Belczyk added, "I'm really a pure downhiller, so I don't think I stand a good chance in the slalom. Franck and Pirmin are better in the technical disciplines than I am."

## Ice queen Witt doesn't mind men

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Katarina Witt, the world's reigning ice queen, gave women's liberation a shove yesterday by sympathizing with male fans who ogle the feminine figure doing the figure skating.

The 22-year-old East German, who is often compared in looks to actress Brooke Shields, told an overflow news conference that "grace and beauty" were an integral part of figure skating, like it or not.

"I think every man prefers looking at a well-built woman that someone who is shaped like a rubber ball rolling over the ice," she said when asked if it had become impossible for a woman figure skater to win unless she was pretty and wore the right make-up, hairdo and costume.

Referring to her "Carmen" routine, she said, "if we have Spanish music, we must wear the right sort of costume — not a very sporty outfit."

## Canada and Finland win in hockey

## Poland tie with Sweden to stay in contention

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Some coaches preach that winning is everything. But that wasn't the case with Leszek Lejczyk, at least not when his lightly considered Polish Olympic hockey team was facing high-flying Sweden.

On paper, yesterday's "B" pool matchup in the 16-day tournament looked like a mismatch. The eighth-seeded Poles had looked good but failed to score in losing a tight first-round game to Canada, while world champion Sweden, the No. 1 seed, routed France 13-2.

But Poland relied heavily on its strong, hard-checking defence to tie Sweden 1-1 and stay in contention for a possible spot in the medal round.

**Overcame**

In other games, Canada over-

Sweden since they drew at the Izvestia tournament in Moscow in the early 1970s.

"We achieved our plan to tie the game, which is a very hard plan," Lejczyk said. "When you play for a tie, it's harder than to play for a win."

"Now I'm worried about France," he said of Poland's next opponent. "I don't want the players to relax after their success."

The only goals in the game came 43 seconds apart in the second period. Sweden's Anders Elderbrink scored on a power play before Jaroslav Morawiecki tied the game for good.

**Loss**

Swedish defenceman Peter

Andersson was at a loss to explain the tie.

"It's tough when you don't score," he said. "It's tough when they play so defensively and we can't get ahead of them. They had to play that way. If they try to play offensive hockey, they're going to lose by eight or nine

goals."

Fourth-seeded Canada struggled again before getting three goals in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and put away the upstart No. 9 Swiss, who earlier knocked off No. 5 Finland.

Gord Shevren's rebound goal with 15:14 to play snapped a 1-1 tie and spoiled an excellent game by Swiss goalie Richard Bucher. Ken Yaremchuk and Marc Habscheid then found the net for Canada before Switzerland's Joerg Erberle closed out the scoring with 3:38 left.

"They had a very hot goaltender," Canada coach Dave King said. "He played very well for a long time in the hockey game. It seemed like he would be the key factor."

But Sean Burke, Canada's goalie, also made a half-dozen acrobatic saves, demonstrating why he is considered one of the best young goalies in the world.

Canada lost the services of defenceman Tony Stiles when he suffered a concussion in a first-

period collision with Swiss forward Peter Jaks.

Fifth-seeded Finland, rebounding from its first-round loss, scored four times in each of the first two periods to rip No. 12 France, which has been outscored 23-3 in two games.

**Spree**  
Reijo Mikkola scored two of his three goals in the first-period spree, the first just 33 seconds into the game. Erkki Lehtonen added one goal and four assists.

Finnish goalie Jarmo Myllys allowed only Steven Woodburn's third-period goal. In "B" pool action today, the second-seeded Soviets face the No. 7 Americans, No. 6 West Germany plays No. 11 Austria, and No. 3 Czechoslovakia takes on No. 10 Norway.

The Soviets and West Germans are 2-0; the United States and Czechoslovakia are 1-1. Norway and Austria are 0-2.

The top three teams from each pool advance to the medal round.

## Soviets clinch gold in pairs figure skating

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Two-time world champions Ekatarina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union won the gold medal in pairs figure skating last night with a mistake-free but cautious routine.

Teammates Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev, the defending Olympic champions, won the silver, giving the Soviet Union a total of seven medals, including three gold, in the first three full days of competition.

**Dominated**  
The Soviets have dominated pairs figure skating since the early 1960s, claiming 19 of the past 25 world titles. They have won the Olympic title every year since 1964.

Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard took the bronze for the United States, its first medal of the Winter Games.

Gordeeva, a dainty 16-year-old schoolgirl who has entranced crowds throughout the world the last two years, and Grinkov clearly were the class of the competition. Their jumps, lifts and

spins were perfect, and the sellout crowd gave them a thunderous standing ovation at the end of the 4/1-2 minute programme.

Gordeeva and Grinkov, 20, were first with all nine judges in Sunday's short and yesterday's long programmes.

Skating last night to music ranging from Mendelssohn to Mozart, they received three 5.8s and six 5.9s of a possible 6.00 from the nine judges for technical merit, and one 5.8 and eight 5.9s for presentation.

Valova, sidelined much of the past year with an ankle injury, and Vasiliev finished second with every judge. Vasiliev touched down on side-by-side triple toe loops, but the rest of their programme was clean.

Watson and Oppegard might have moved up to second with a stronger freestyle performance.

But Watson fell on her double axel jump and did only a single flip while Oppegard did the planned double flip late in the programme. They also skated slowly.



Sergei Grinkov lifts his partner Gordeeva above his head during the pairs figure skating programme. (Reuter wirephoto)

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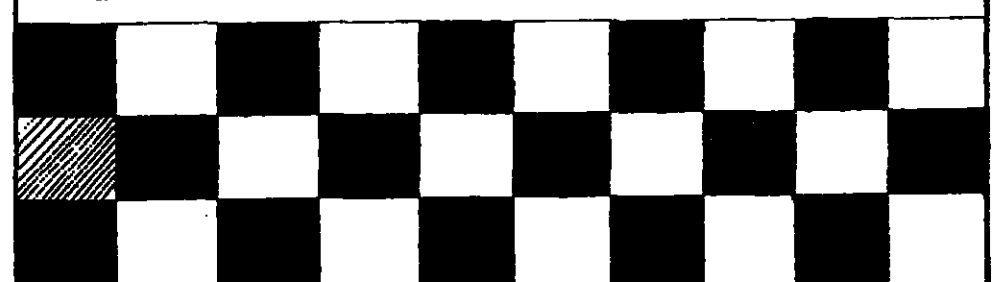
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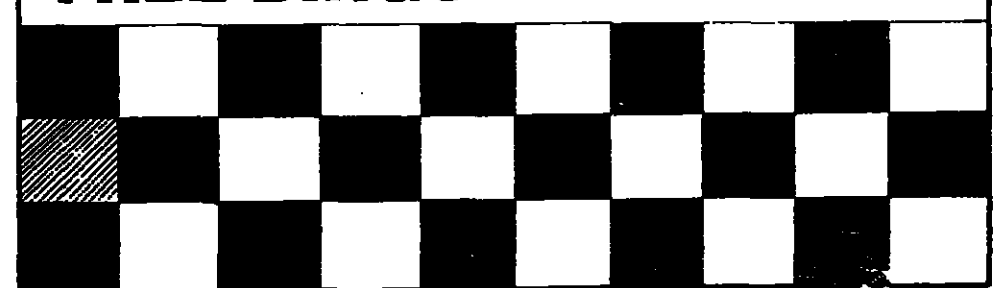
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## Jefferies signs for Hampshire

LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): South African all-rounder Steve Jefferies, who recently took 10 wickets in an innings, has signed for Hampshire on a two-year contract starting in the forthcoming English season.

Jefferies, who was previously with Derbyshire and Lancashire, is to take over as Hampshire's overseas player from Malcolm Marshall, who will be touring England with West Indies this year.

Hampshire's original choice as Marshall's replacement, Australian Test left-arm paceman Bruce Reid, pulled out with a back injury.

Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas said: "He (Jefferies) is a player with plenty of experience and earlier this winter took 10 wickets in an innings for Western Province against an Orange Free State side which included Allan Lamb and Alvin Kalichar."

## HOME SIDE SCORES 130 FOR FOUR AT STUMPS AS PLAY IS CALLED OFF

# England-New Zealand Test ends in draw

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 17, (Reuters): England and New Zealand drew their first cricket Test when play was called off today with five overs due, to be bowled in the home side's second innings.

New Zealand had been set 304 to win on the last day and were 130 for four at the close.

England had a glimmer of hope when New Zealand's fourth wicket fell with 28 overs still to play. Phillip DeFreitas trapped New Zealand captain Jeff Crowe low for nought but John Bracewell then joined Andrew Jones and the pair saw New Zealand out of trouble.

**Nose-dive**  
England's chances of winning took a nose-dive when 13 overs, or 50 minutes, of play was lost because of bad light in the morning.

New Zealand had negotiated the morning session without losing a wicket and, although both openers were out lbw to Graham Dilley soon after lunch, it was asking too much to bowl New Zealand out in two sessions.

In all, 4-1/2 hours were lost through the five days, reducing the chance of a result despite the vagaries of the pitch.

Ironically, the game finished in bright sunshine after the wintry conditions which prevailed in the morning and for much of the last four days.

Dilley provided the fireworks of the day, both in his fast and hostile deliveries and his behaviour with the umpires.

He and the England team twice appealed confidently for catches off Martin Crowe. Umpire Brian Aldridge rejected both appeals and Dilley reacted by swearing loudly enough to be heard by the few hundred spectators.

**Lacked**  
Dilley was spoken to by captain Mike Gatting.

He ended with his best Test match bowling figures of eight wickets for 70 and although DeFreitas and Paul Jarvis bowled well at times, they and other England bowlers lacked penetration.

Jeff Crowe decided to use the heavy roller at the start of play and this appeared to settle the pitch, which played better on the last day than on any other.

England's biggest disappointment was off-spinner John Emburey. He failed to extract much spin and did not give the ball any air.

The pitch was better suited to seam bowling and New Zealand off-spinner Bracewell bowled equally badly. Only 20 overs of spin were bowled in the match, but neither slow bowler was accurate enough and the places of both must be in jeopardy for the second Test starting on February 25.

**Rescuing**  
Jones scored New Zealand's only half century in the match, rescuing his side from its precarious position and ending on 54 not out. But many of the runs were scored against attacking fields and when the match was safe.

None of the New Zealand batsmen put up a convincing performance and the New Zealand selectors will have to look closely at Trevor Franklin and Jeff Crowe for the second Test.

The England batsman performed little better with the exception of Chris Broad's 114 and Tim Robinson's 70 in the first innings. Martyn Moxon or Bill Athey could be replaced by Neil Fairbrother, the only other specialist batsman in the touring party.

In the New Zealand camp doubts hang over the fitness of both Richard Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield.

This was to have been Hadlee's Test, where he would take his 374th Test wicket to set a world record in front of his home crowd. But he failed to get a wicket on the first day and later injured himself and could bowl no more in the match.

Gatting said after the match he was pleased with his team's performance but he said the pitch played best of all on the final day.

Jeff Crowe said the pitch's bounce was inconsistent and gave too much assistance to seam bowlers.

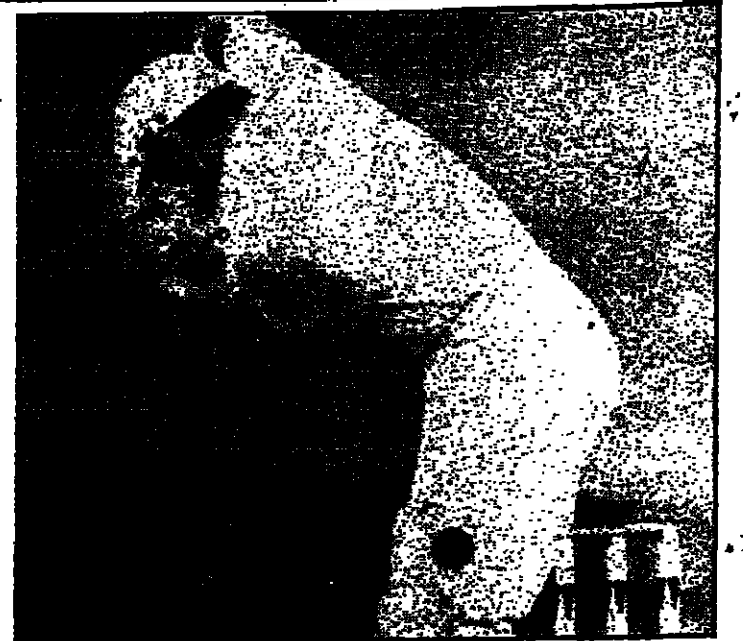
He said he expects all the team to be available for the second Test.

Both captains felt that the Man-of-the-Match award should have gone to Broad rather than Chatfield, who took four wickets in each innings.

**Reluctant**  
Gatting was initially reluctant to comment on former Canterbury and Northamptonshire batsman Peter Arnold's choice of Chatfield. However, when told Crowe had given his view he admitted he leaned towards Broad.

"When the ball has been seaming around all over the place for four days and one bloke gets 1001 would have thought that deserved some sort of credit," he said.

Crowe admitted Chatfield would not have been his choice. "He bowled superbly, but I'd have given it to Broad," he said. "He got 100 on a very difficult pitch."



New Zealand's opening batsman John Wright in action yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Scoreboard**  
ENGLAND first innings 319  
ENGLAND second innings 152  
NEW ZEALAND first innings 168  
NEW ZEALAND second innings 130  
J Wright lbw b Dilley 23  
T Franklin lbw b Dilley 12  
A Jones not out 54  
M Crowe c French b Jarvis 6  
J Crowe lbw b DeFreitas 8

J Bracewell not out 25  
Extras (lb-4 b-6 nb-5) 15  
TOTAL (for four wickets) 130  
Fall of wickets: 1-372-3-614-78  
Bowling: Dilley 18-5-37-2 (3ab), DeFreitas 19-6-26-1 (2ab), Jarvis 17-7-30-1, Emburey 10-4-16-0, Capel 13-5-16-0.  
Result: New Zealand drew with England.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Title fight

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Feb 17, (AP): Indonesia's Polly Pasireron will challenge World Boxing Association super middleweight champion Park Chong-Pal of South Korea in a title fight on March 1, a boxing official said today.

## Saudis draw

RIYADH, Feb 17, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and Scotland drew 2-2 (half-time 1-0) today in a friendly soccer match here.

Scorers: Saudi Arabia — Youssef Jaze (16 minutes), Majid Abdullah (71). Scotland — Morris Johnstone (47). John Colquhoun (79).

## Romanians leave

CALGARY, Canada, Feb 17, (UPI): Three female members of the Romanian speedskating team and a coach left the Winter Olympics before the games even started, officials announced late yesterday.

The Romanians left the main athletes' village about three hours before Saturday's opening ceremonies. They departed Calgary international airport about 10 am, according to a statement from the Olympic Organising Committee.

## Soccer results

TEL AVIV, Feb 17, (Reuters): Israel and England drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer international today.

British soccer matches played in London yesterday:  
European under-21 championship quarterfinal, first leg: Scotland 0 England 1 (in Aberdeen).

Scottish Premier Division: Morton 0 Falkirk 0.  
English Division Four: Halifax 2 Wolverhampton 1.  
Scottish Division One: Clyde v East Fife — postponed.  
Scottish Division Two: Brechin 1 Ayr 1.  
Queen's Park 2 Stranraer 0.

## Bridge results

RESULTS of the Mesilla Ladies Club games played on Saturday:  
N/S  
1. Ann Cox & Doris Kimber  
2. Jamila Akel & Margaret Robb-Whitaker  
E/W  
1. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad  
2. Helen Hughes & Janice Briggs

Results of the game played at the Hilton on Sunday:  
N/S  
1. K T Simon & Ali Imam  
2. Ali Bourkharis & Chibli Jada  
3. Nabil Akel & Lolli Murthwaite  
E/W  
1. Hassan Mossaad & Mohammed Mechant  
2. Keith McKenzie & George Beecroft  
3. S Krishnaswami & T Sreenivasan

Results of the Sheraton Ladies club games played yesterday:  
N/S  
1. Lynn Edwards & Suzanne Cattermole  
2. Rita Canacini & Donna Materny  
3. Jamila Akel & Juliette Mushawar  
E/W  
1. Alice Nasser & Janice Briggs  
2. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad  
3. Camella Guirguis & Lilly Saqr

RESULTS of the bridge played at Sheraton hotel on Tuesday:  
N/S  
1. Abdullatif Desag & Adly Tiab  
2. Ignace Mouechi & Marcel Zamaniri  
3. Mrs Donna Materny & Hassan Mossaad  
E/W  
1. Mohamed Abdulghani & Hassan Shalabi  
2. B R Sharma & Gajjar Mohanlal  
3. Dr Henryk Szul & Robert Stacker

A pair event tournament will be held on Friday at 4.00 pm.

## Cash defeats Kulti in Italian indoor tennis

# Becker fights back to beat Forget

MILAN, Italy, Feb 17, (UPI): Top seed Boris Becker of West Germany had to fight back in his 1988 tournament debut to defeat Guy Forget of France 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 last night in the first round of the \$490,000 Stella Artois Italian indoor tennis championships.

Australian Pat Cash, who inherited the Wimbledon crown from two-time champion Becker last summer, defeated persistent Swedish amateur Niklaus Kulti 6-3, 6-4 in his first-round match.

**Wear down**  
Cash, seeded fourth, needed almost 90 minutes to wear down the 17-year-old from Stockholm at Milan's Palatrussardi arena.

Becker, fully fit after two months of the treatment on knee and thigh injuries that had kept him out of tournament play since the Nabisco Masters in December, had to battle at times to pull his concentration together.

"The problem was partly concentration and partly because Forget played well," the 20-year-old said.

"I had periods of letdowns. Remember, it's been some time since I played the first round of a tournament."

Becker started out with a solid, if hard-fought first set, which he took 6-4 on one of his seven aces of the night.

But seven double faults worked against the West German and Becker went down without a fight in the second set against Forget's steady attack.

**Coming back**  
Becker, fourth on the computer, rallied in the decider, winning the third game on an ace, coming back from 0-30 down to hold serve in the fifth and then breaking Forget to win on his first match point.

"With Forget, you're always under pressure," Becker said. "It was hard for me coming back to keep my concentration over all three sets."

In other matches, France's Henri Leconte, the sixth seed, continued his comeback from physical problems that plagued him last year, as he defeated Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-3.

Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union eliminated American wild card entry Todd Nelson 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in afternoon play, while Sergio Casal of Spain knocked out Claudio Pistolesi of Italy 6-3, 6-2.



Becker: 1988 debut

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Cash put away a forehand at the net on his first match point to subdue the stubborn Kulti, who was not covered by his opponent's world No. 7 ranking.

Kulti kept pace throughout the first set, holding serve until the eighth game when Cash scored the only break of the opener for 5-3, then notched his second love game in succession to take the first set 6-3.

**Kuwait Malayalee Samajam soccer journey schedule**

MATCHES in the 11-a-side knock-out soccer tournament for the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam trophy will be held on Feb 19 at Fahaeel ground behind the cinema.

There will be three matches. New Goa vs Kerala Sports at 6.30 am, Abbasiya Sports vs Rising Star at 8 am, and Pico vs United Goan Strikers at 9.30 am.

The opening games were held last Friday. The Boys Own Club defeated Goa Cultural Association by one goal and Konkani XI beat Incredible Goa by a goal. The winning teams have qualified for the quarter finals.

Matches are supervised by referees from the Indian Football Federation Association. The tournament has been sponsored by Sana Household and organised by the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam.

It is being held as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations of India's Independence.

**Hockey fan**  
PADUCAH, Kentucky, Feb 17, (AP): A hockey fan was so thrilled by a US goal in an Olympic hockey game that he accidentally shot himself in the hand, police said.

Paul Joseph Grant, 18, was in stable condition yesterday at Western Baptist hospital. A 38 bullet had pierced his left hand.

**London marathon**  
LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen aims to improve her world best time in the London marathon in April and become the first woman under two hours 20 minutes.

Kristiansen set the current world best of 2:21.06 in the London marathon in 1985. She won the women's race here in 1984, 1985 and 1987.

## Navratilova outlasts Rehe

OAKLAND, California, Feb 17, (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova of the United States settled down quickly after dropping the first two games of her first-round match and beat compatriot Stephanie Rehe 6-3, 6-2 last night in the \$250,000 Virginia Slims of California.

"I was ahead 40-15 in the first game, then hit a bad volley and a bad forehand. I was upset, not because I lost the game but by how I lost it," Navratilova said.

**Advanced**  
Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, the No. 3 seed, beat Lisa Bonder of the United States 6-3, 6-2 in the night's final match. All eight seeded players advanced to the second round, which begins today.

Navratilova, coming off a tour victory on Sunday in Dallas, lost a total of only four points in winning the last five games of the first set against Rehe.

She was up 4-1 in the second set before Rehe broke her serve for the first time since the start of the match.

Navratilova pulled even at 3-3 in the first set by winning a game Rehe opened with a double fault.

**Strong**  
Defending champion Zina Garrison of the United States opened play earlier with a strong serve and a strong showing, beat-



ing compatriot Heather Ludloff 6-4, 6-2. Garrison, the 24-year-old from Houston, is seeded No. 4 in this year's tournament. She defeated Sylvia Hanika in last year's finals.

The other winners yesterday included Wendy Turnbull of Australia and Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia. Turnbull beat American Barbara Gerken 6-2, 6-1, and Novotna beat Gigi Fernandez of the United States 7-6, 6-3.

## Soviet swimmers dominate Swedish Open

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Feb 17, (Reuters): The powerful Soviet Union squad were dominant with four winners in the 13 events on the first day of the Swedish Open international swimming meeting yesterday.

The Soviet attack at the 16-nation meeting was spearheaded by European champion Sergei Zabolotnov, who won the 200 metres backstroke by a comfortable 1.4 seconds from second-placed Frank Hoffmeister of West Germany.

However, the Russian's time of two minutes 1.09 seconds was well outside his personal mark of 1:59.35, last year's best recorded time.

Other Soviet successes included a 50.08 seconds victory in the 100 metres men's freestyle for Gennady Prigoda, who outswam home favourite Rickard Milton by more than 1.5 seconds.

In the 400 metres individual medley, Australia's Rob Woodward, world number three in the event during 1987, powered home to an expected win in 4:24.21, though it was almost six seconds slower than his best.

Sweden's Anders Holmertz, who swam the world's best time for the 200 metres freestyle last year when he took the European title, continued a long unbroken run of victories with a win in his less-favoured 400 metres event.

The tall Swede powered ahead of his nearest rival, the Soviet 800 and 1,500 metres freestyle world record holder, Vladimir Salnikov, to win by four seconds.

Petri Suominen, a promising Young Finn, surprisingly took the 200 metres breaststroke by beating the strong-favoured British pair of Murray Buswell and Adrian Moorhouse, the European 100 metres champion, into second and third places respectively.

**Performance**  
In the women's events, a strong Canadian performance was highlighted by a victory in the 200 metres butterfly from Ann Taylor in a time of 2:16.52.

The two-day Swedish Open, which is being held for the first time this year, is included in a new European circuit which organisers hope to extend into a World Cup series next year with events staged in Australia and North America.

## APOLOGY

The Sultan Center and other participating companies announce

the cancellation of the "Walk for a Cause" Festival which was supposed to be held on Friday, Feb 19, 1988. The festival was to be held on the occasion of the 27th National Day and in support of public societies.

The cancellation comes after the decision of the Interior Minister to ban the festival

We therefore express our deep apology to citizens and expatriates, participating companies and other public societies.



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